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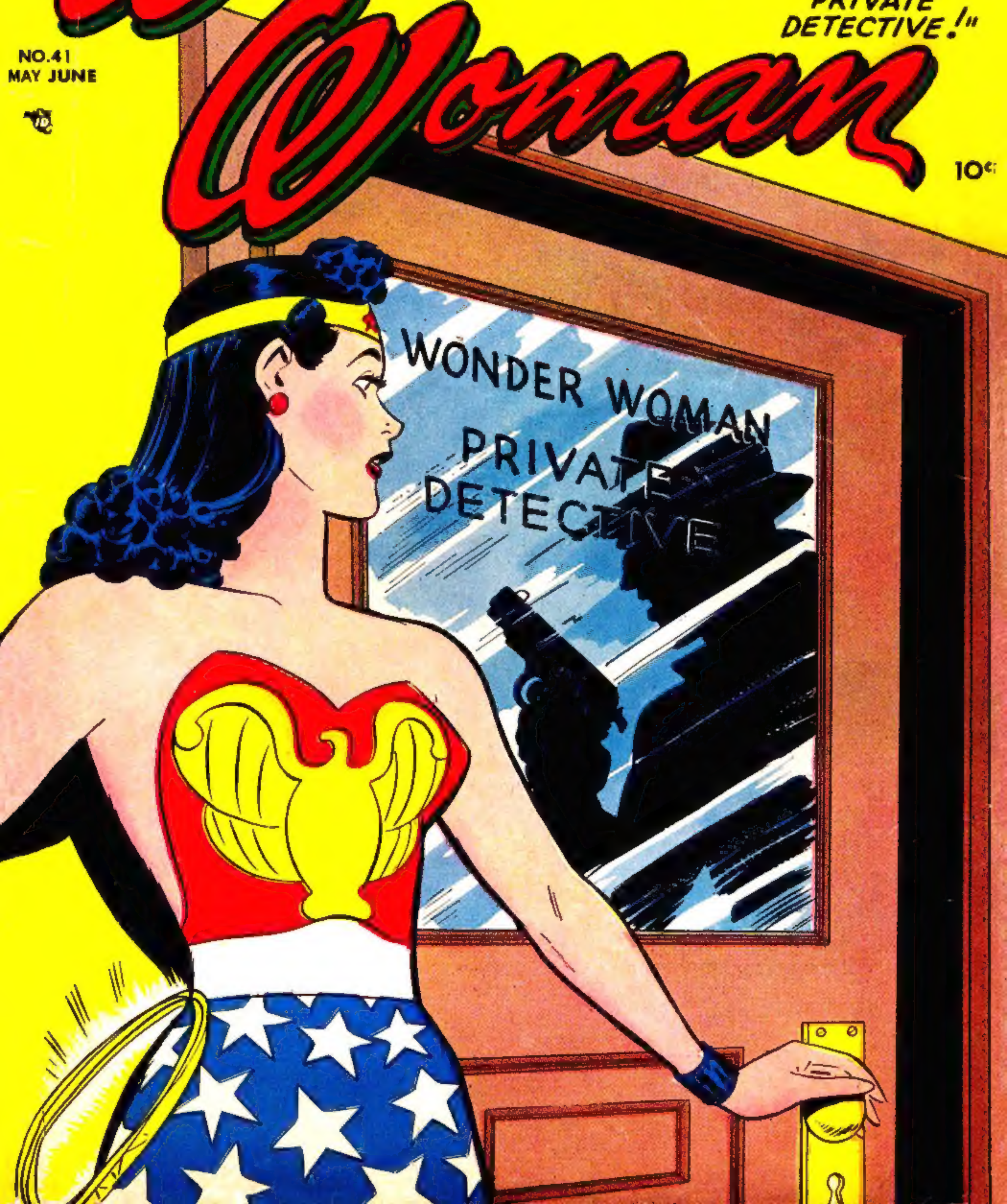
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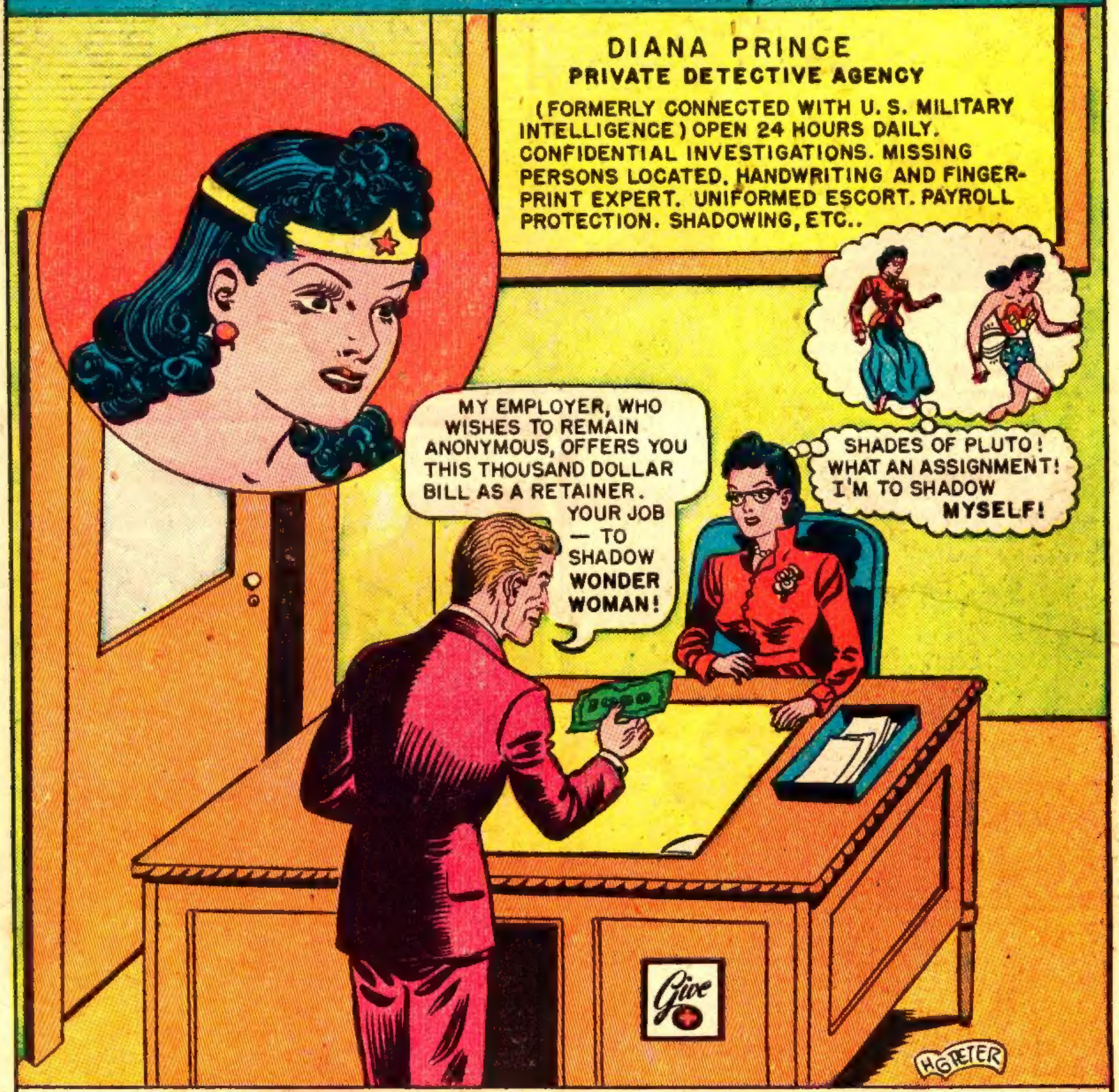
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H.G.PETER

SURELY THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST BIZARRE ADVENTURES IN WHICH **WONDER WOMAN**—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY—HAS EVER FOUND HERSELF! FOR ONE OF HER FIRST ASSIGNMENTS IN HER NEW POSITION IS TO TRAIL HERSELF! THE REASON BEHIND THIS STARTLING REQUEST IS THE DRAMATIC CLIMAX TO THE MANY AMAZING CASES THE LOVELY AMAZON MAID IS PRESENTED WITH, IN HER TOTALLY NEW AND UNEXPECTED ROLE OF---

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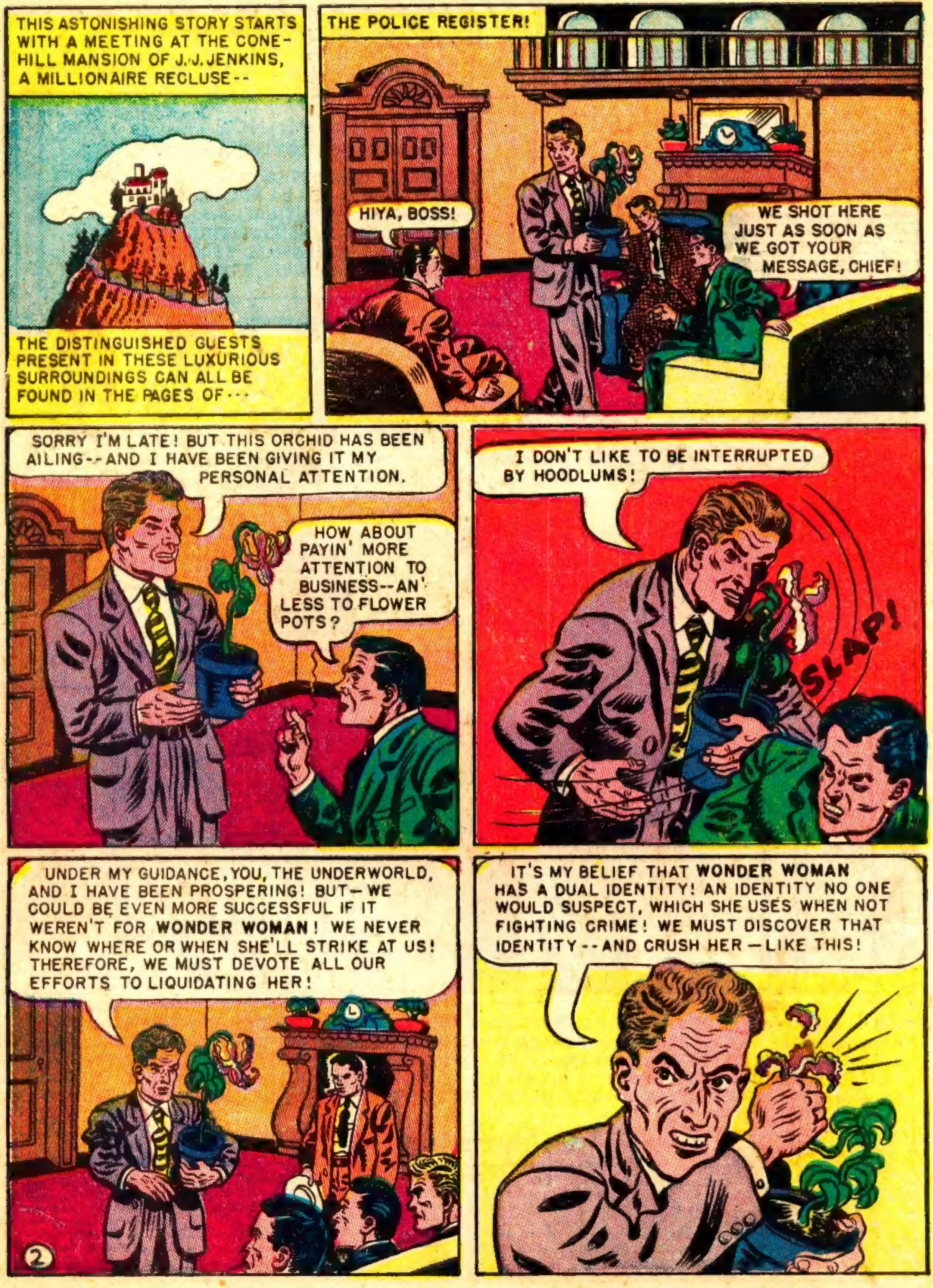
THIS ASTONISHING STORY STARTS WITH A MEETING AT THE CONE-HILL MANSION OF J.J. JENKINS, A MILLIONAIRE RECLUSE--
THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENT IN THESE LUXURIOUS SURROUNDINGS CAN ALL BE FOUND IN THE PAGES OF···
THE POLICE REGISTER!
HIYA, BOSS!
WE SHOT HERE JUST AS SOON AS WE GOT YOUR MESSAGE, CHIEF!
SORRY I'M LATE! BUT THIS ORCHID HAS BEEN AILING--AND I HAVE BEEN GIVING IT MY PERSONAL ATTENTION.
HOW ABOUT PAYIN' MORE ATTENTION TO BUSINESS--AN' LESS TO FLOWER POTS?
I DON'T LIKE TO BE INTERRUPTED BY HOODLUMS!
SLAP!
UNDER MY GUIDANCE, YOU, THE UNDERWORLD, AND I HAVE BEEN PROSPERING! BUT—WE COULD BE EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL IF IT WEREN'T FOR WONDER WOMAN! WE NEVER KNOW WHERE OR WHEN SHE'LL STRIKE AT US! THEREFORE, WE MUST DEVOTE ALL OUR EFFORTS TO LIQUIDATING HER!
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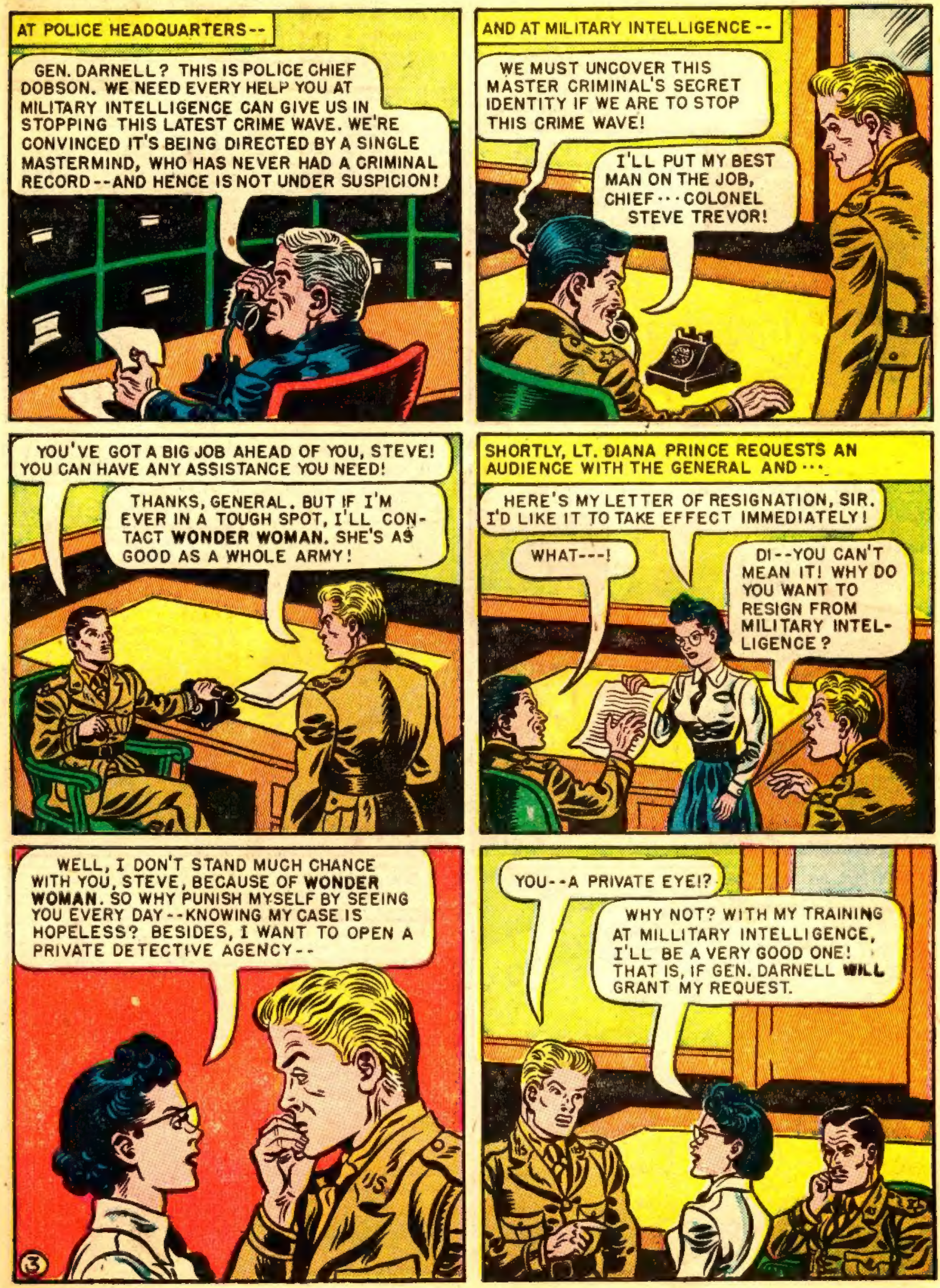
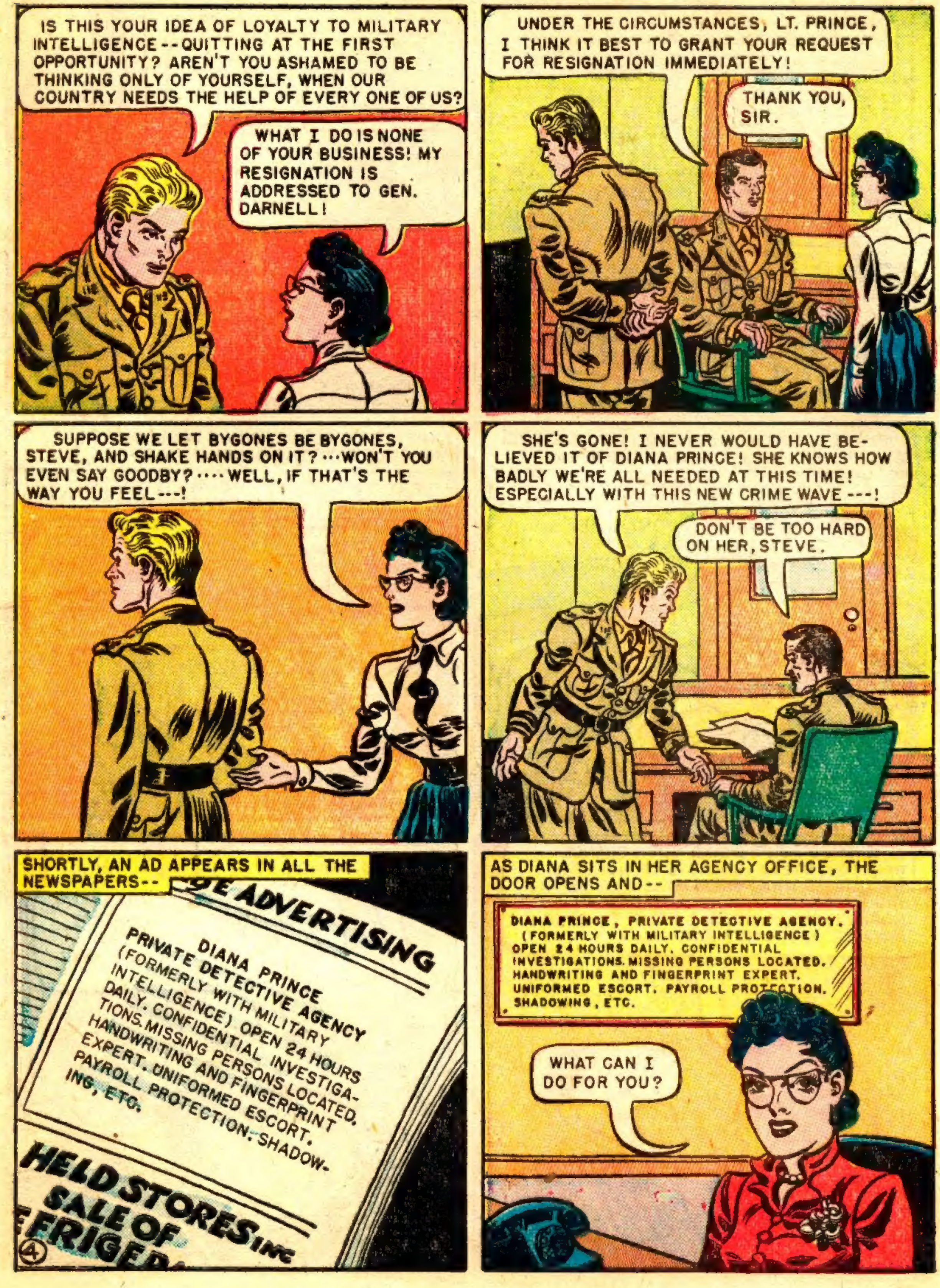
IT'S MY BELIEF THAT WONDER WOMAN HAS A DUAL IDENTITY! AN IDENTITY NO ONE WOULD SUSPECT, WHICH SHE USES WHEN NOT FIGHTING CRIME! WE MUST DISCOVER THAT IDENTITY--AND CRUSH HER—LIKE THIS!


AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS--
GEN. DARNELL? THIS IS POLICE CHIEF DOBSON. WE NEED EVERY HELP YOU AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CAN GIVE US IN STOPPING THIS LATEST CRIME WAVE. WE'RE CONVINCED IT'S BEING DIRECTED BY A SINGLE MASTERMIND, WHO HAS NEVER HAD A CRIMINAL RECORD--AND HENCE IS NOT UNDER SUSPICION!
AND AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE--
WE MUST UNCOVER THIS MASTER CRIMINAL'S SECRET IDENTITY IF WE ARE TO STOP THIS CRIME WAVE!
I'LL PUT MY BEST MAN ON THE JOB, CHIEF···COLONEL STEVE TREVOR!
YOU'VE GOT A BIG JOB AHEAD OF YOU, STEVE! YOU CAN HAVE ANY ASSISTANCE YOU NEED!
THANKS, GENERAL. BUT IF I'M EVER IN A TOUGH SPOT, I'LL CONTACT **WONDER WOMAN**. SHE'S AS GOOD AS A WHOLE ARMY!
SHORTLY, LT. DIANA PRINCE REQUESTS AN AUDIENCE WITH THE GENERAL AND···
HERE'S MY LETTER OF RESIGNATION, SIR. I'D LIKE IT TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY!
WHAT---!
DI--YOU CAN'T MEAN IT! WHY DO YOU WANT TO RESIGN FROM MILITARY INTELLIGENCE?
WELL, I DON'T STAND MUCH CHANCE WITH YOU, STEVE, BECAUSE OF **WONDER WOMAN**. SO WHY PUNISH MYSELF BY SEEING YOU EVERY DAY--KNOWING MY CASE IS HOPELESS? BESIDES, I WANT TO OPEN A PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY--
YOU--A PRIVATE EYE!?
WHY NOT? WITH MY TRAINING AT MILLITARY INTELLIGENCE, I'LL BE A VERY GOOD ONE! THAT IS, IF GEN. DARNELL **WILL** GRANT MY REQUEST.


IS THIS YOUR IDEA OF LOYALTY TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE--QUITTING AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY? AREN'T YOU ASHAMED TO BE THINKING ONLY OF YOURSELF, WHEN OUR COUNTRY NEEDS THE HELP OF EVERY ONE OF US?
WHAT I DO IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS! MY RESIGNATION IS ADDRESSED TO GEN. DARNELL!
UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, LT. PRINCE, I THINK IT BEST TO GRANT YOUR REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION IMMEDIATELY!
THANK YOU, SIR.
SUPPOSE WE LET BYGONES BE BYGONES, STEVE, AND SHAKE HANDS ON IT?···WON'T YOU EVEN SAY GOODBY?····WELL, IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL---!
SHE'S GONE! I NEVER WOULD HAVE BELIEVED IT OF DIANA PRINCE! SHE KNOWS HOW BADLY WE'RE ALL NEEDED AT THIS TIME! ESPECIALLY WITH THIS NEW CRIME WAVE---!
DON'T BE TOO HARD ON HER, STEVE.
SHORTLY, AN AD APPEARS IN ALL THE NEWSPAPERS--
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SALE OF
FRIGE
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AS DIANA SITS IN HER AGENCY OFFICE, THE DOOR OPENS AND--
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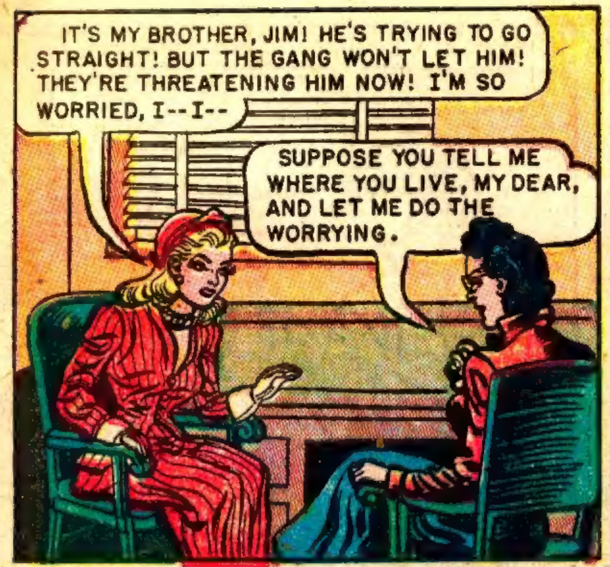
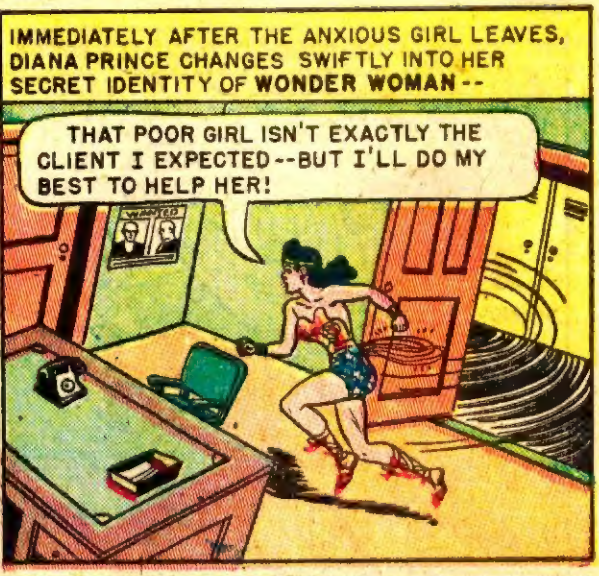
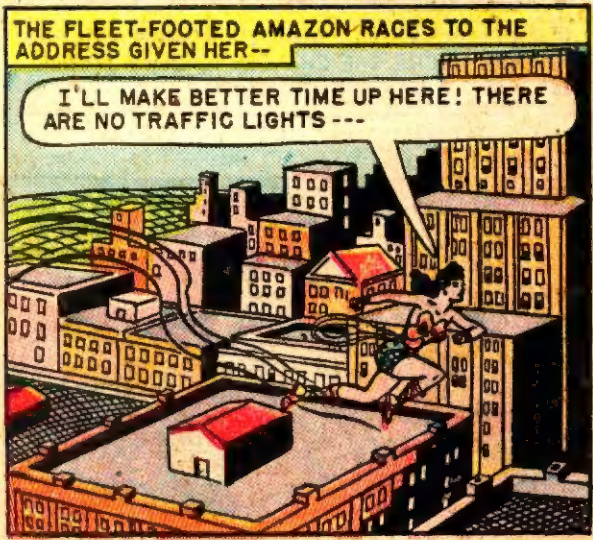
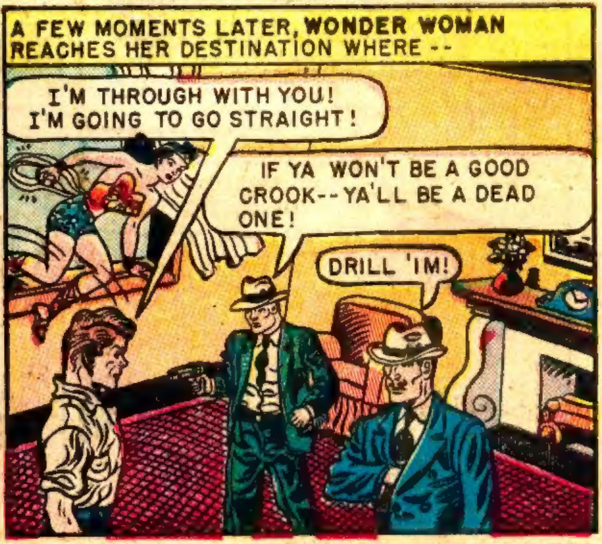
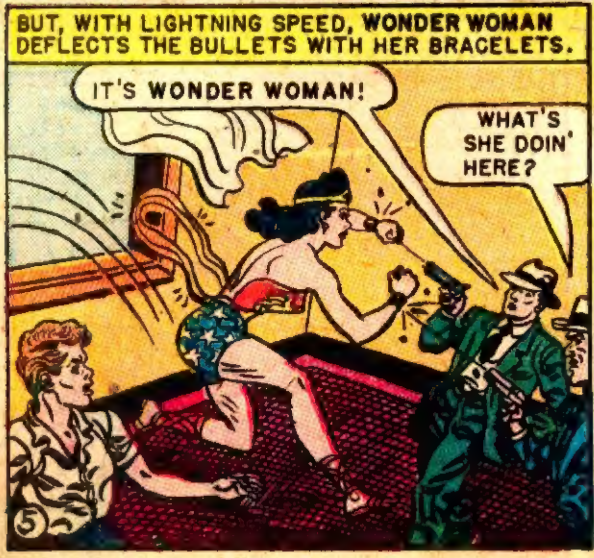
WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?


IT'S MY BROTHER, JIM! HE'S TRYING TO GO STRAIGHT! BUT THE GANG WON'T LET HIM! THEY'RE THREATENING HIM NOW! I'M SO WORRIED, I--I--
SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME WHERE YOU LIVE, MY DEAR, AND LET ME DO THE WORRYING.


IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANXIOUS GIRL LEAVES, DIANA PRINCE CHANGES SWIFTLY INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF WONDER WOMAN--
THAT POOR GIRL ISN'T EXACTLY THE CLIENT I EXPECTED--BUT I'LL DO MY BEST TO HELP HER!
WANTED


THE FLEET-FOOTED AMAZON RACES TO THE ADDRESS GIVEN HER--
I'LL MAKE BETTER TIME UP HERE! THERE ARE NO TRAFFIC LIGHTS---


A FEW MOMENTS LATER, WONDER WOMAN REACHES HER DESTINATION WHERE--
I'M THROUGH WITH YOU! I'M GOING TO GO STRAIGHT!
IF YA WON'T BE A GOOD CROOK--YA'LL BE A DEAD ONE!
DRILL 'IM!


BUT, WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, WONDER WOMAN DEFLECTS THE BULLETS WITH HER BRACELETS.
IT'S WONDER WOMAN!
WHAT'S SHE DOIN' HERE?
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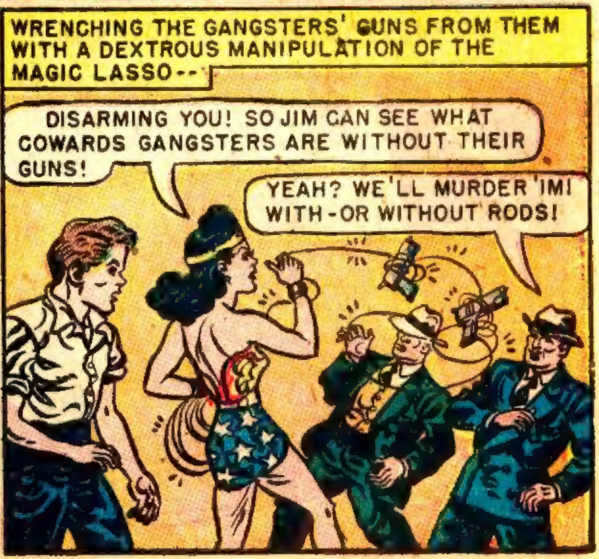
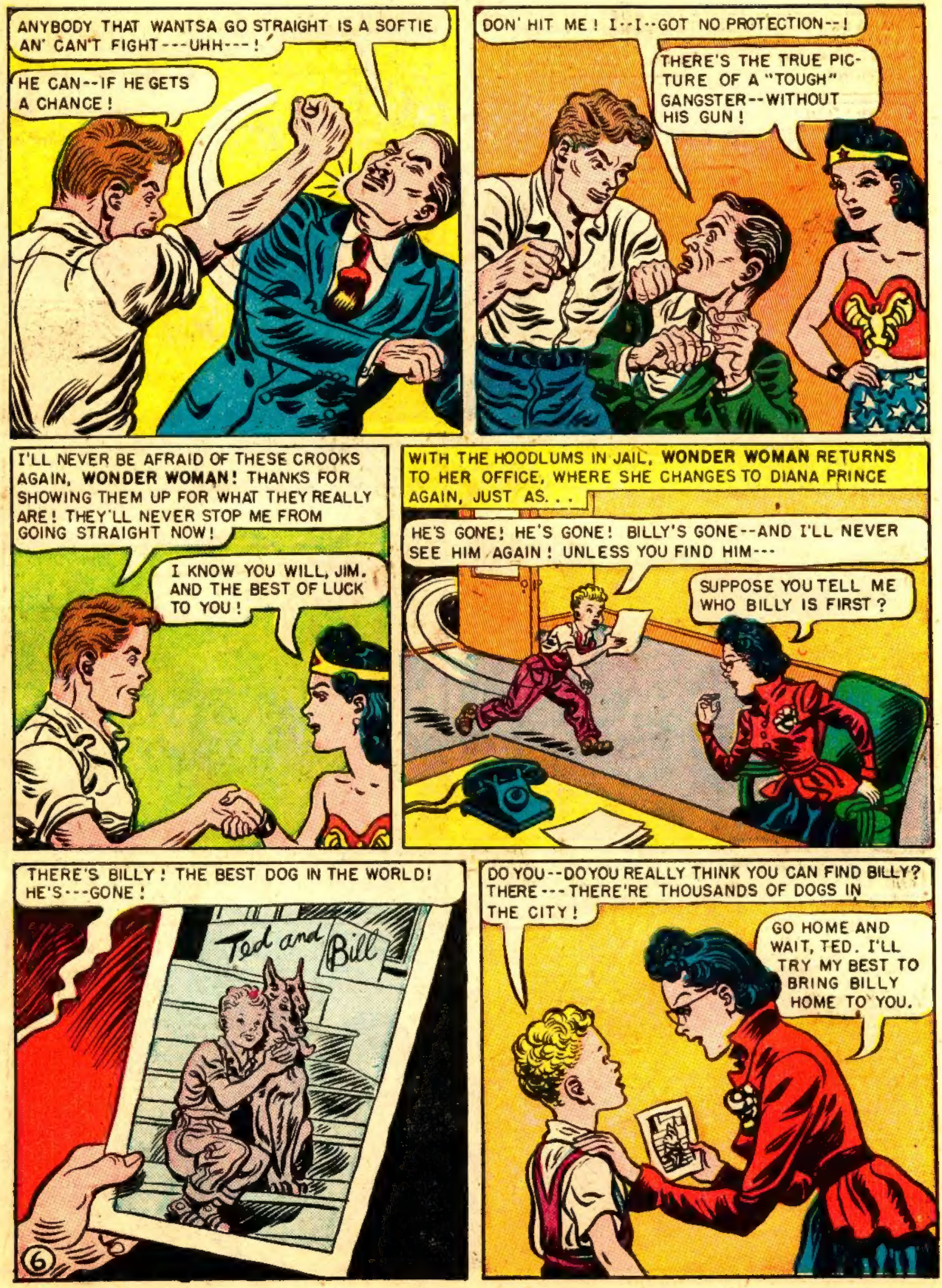
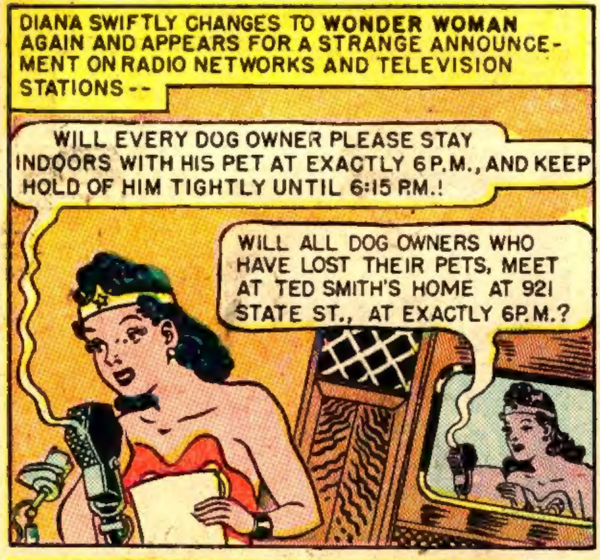
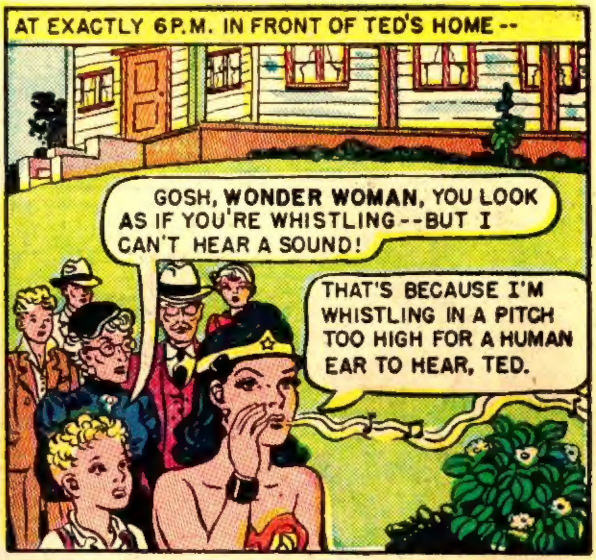
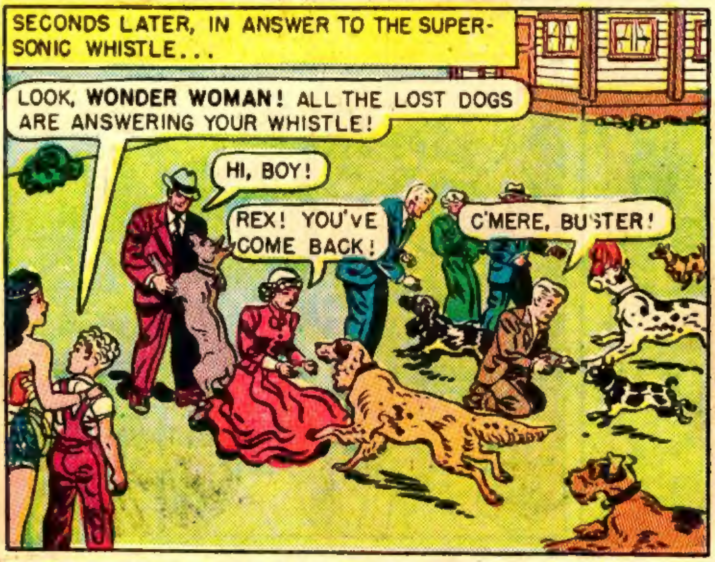
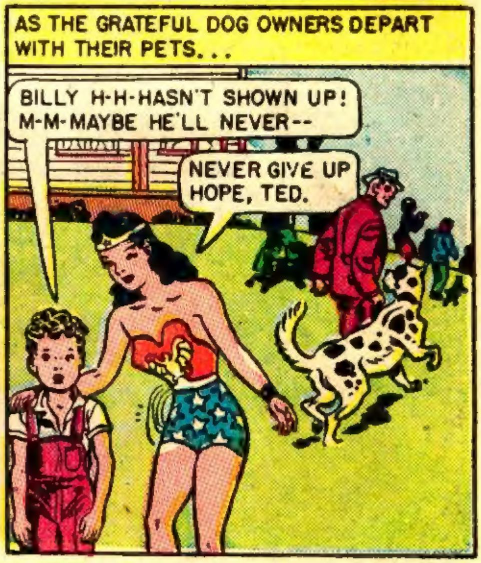

WRENCHING THE GANGSTERS' GUNS FROM THEM WITH A DEXTROUS MANIPULATION OF THE MAGIC LASSO--
DISARMING YOU! SO JIM CAN SEE WHAT COWARDS GANGSTERS ARE WITHOUT THEIR GUNS!
YEAH? WE'LL MURDER 'IM! WITH-OR WITHOUT RODS!

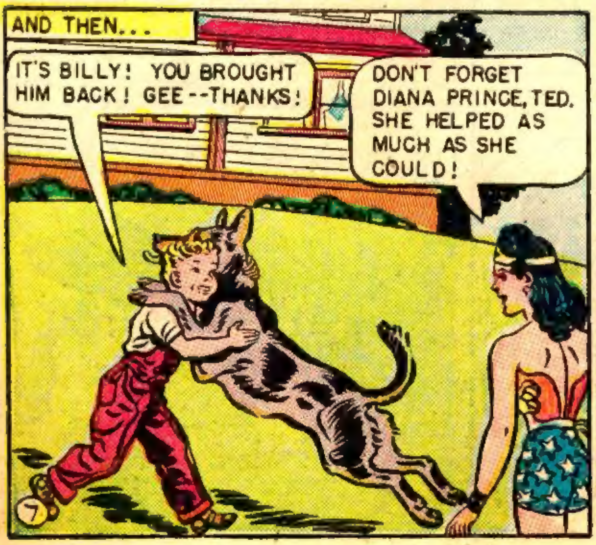

ANYBODY THAT WANTSA GO STRAIGHT IS A SOFTIE AN' CAN'T FIGHT---UHH---!
HE CAN--IF HE GETS A CHANCE!
DON' HIT ME! I--I--GOT NO PROTECTION--!
THERE'S THE TRUE PICTURE OF A "TOUGH" GANGSTER--WITHOUT HIS GUN!
I'LL NEVER BE AFRAID OF THESE CROOKS AGAIN, WONDER WOMAN! THANKS FOR SHOWING THEM UP FOR WHAT THEY REALLY ARE! THEY'LL NEVER STOP ME FROM GOING STRAIGHT NOW!
I KNOW YOU WILL, JIM. AND THE BEST OF LUCK TO YOU!
WITH THE HOODLUMS IN JAIL, WONDER WOMAN RETURNS TO HER OFFICE, WHERE SHE CHANGES TO DIANA PRINCE AGAIN, JUST AS. . .
HE'S GONE! HE'S GONE! BILLY'S GONE--AND I'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN! UNLESS YOU FIND HIM---
SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME WHO BILLY IS FIRST?
THERE'S BILLY! THE BEST DOG IN THE WORLD! HE'S---GONE!
Ted and Bill
6
DO YOU--DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN FIND BILLY? THERE---THERE'RE THOUSANDS OF DOGS IN THE CITY!
GO HOME AND WAIT, TED. I'LL TRY MY BEST TO BRING BILLY HOME TO YOU.

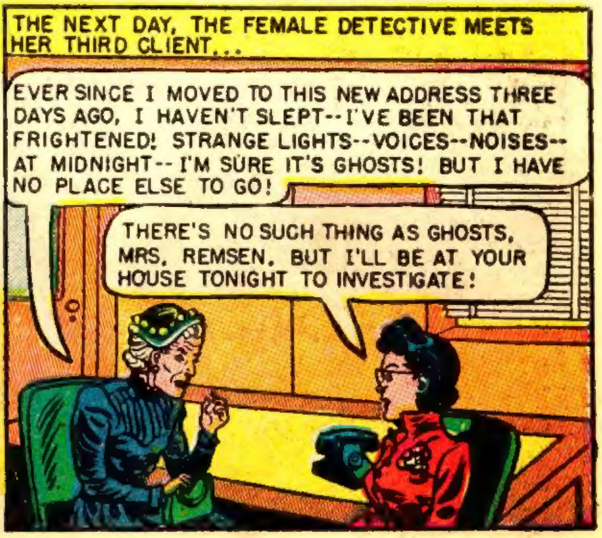

DIANA SWIFTLY CHANGES TO WONDER WOMAN AGAIN AND APPEARS FOR A STRANGE ANNOUNCEMENT ON RADIO NETWORKS AND TELEVISION STATIONS --
WILL EVERY DOG OWNER PLEASE STAY INDOORS WITH HIS PET AT EXACTLY 6 P.M., AND KEEP HOLD OF HIM TIGHTLY UNTIL 6:15 P.M.!
WILL ALL DOG OWNERS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR PETS, MEET AT TED SMITH'S HOME AT 921 STATE ST., AT EXACTLY 6 P.M.?

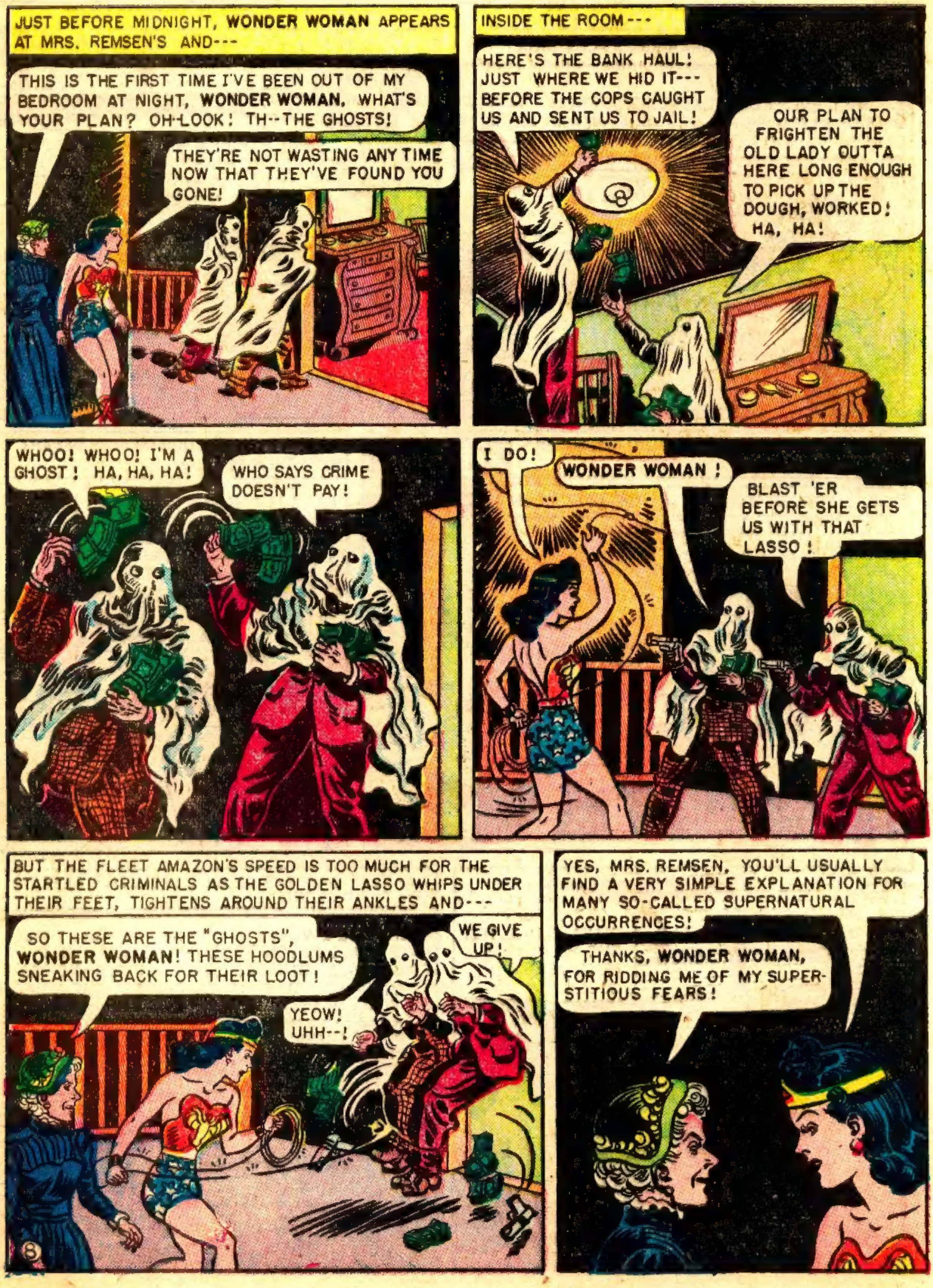

AT EXACTLY 6 P.M. IN FRONT OF TED'S HOME --
GOSH, WONDER WOMAN, YOU LOOK AS IF YOU'RE WHISTLING -- BUT I CAN'T HEAR A SOUND!
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M WHISTLING IN A PITCH TOO HIGH FOR A HUMAN EAR TO HEAR, TED.

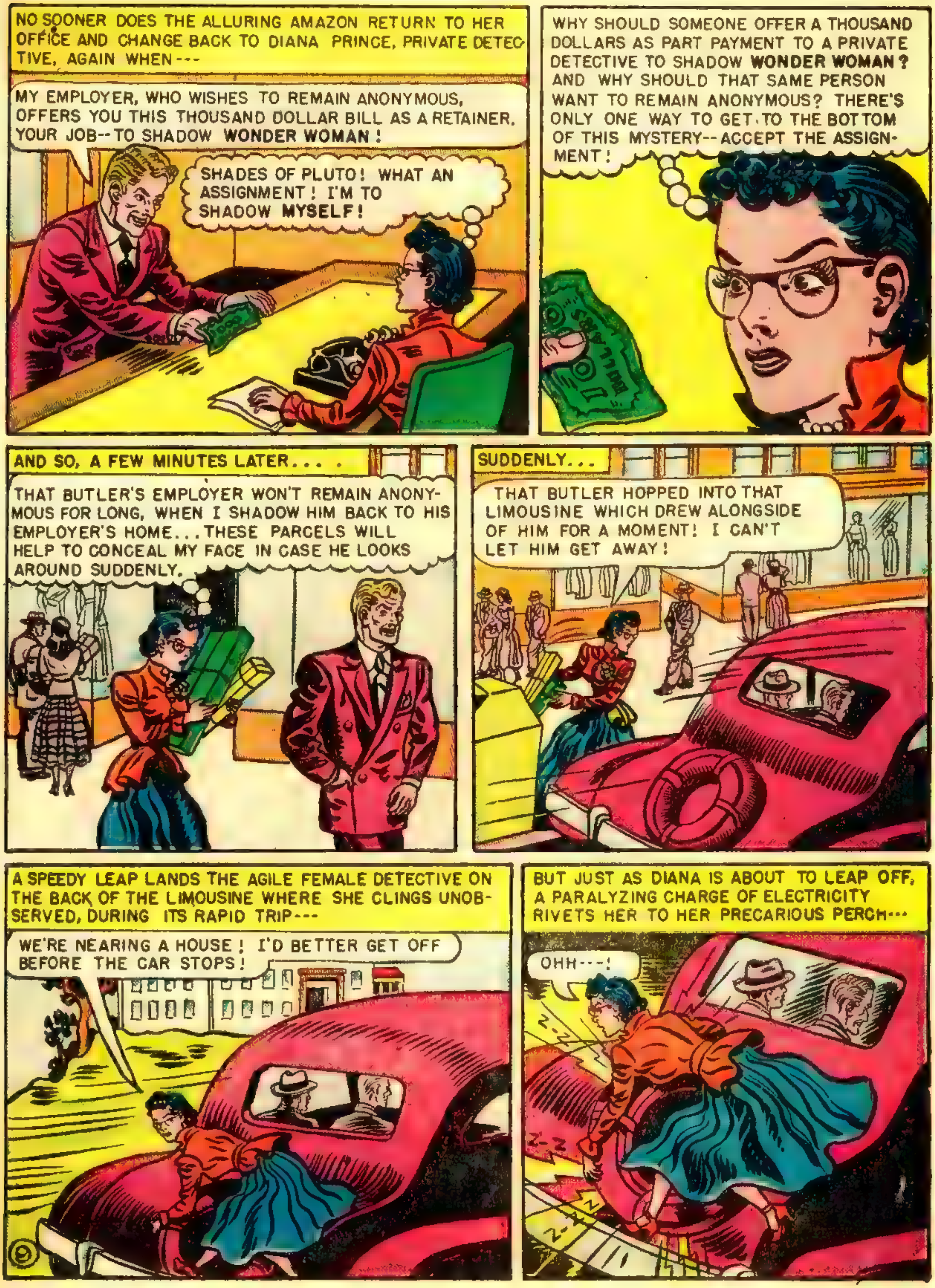

SECONDS LATER, IN ANSWER TO THE SUPERSONIC WHISTLE...
LOOK, WONDER WOMAN! ALL THE LOST DOGS ARE ANSWERING YOUR WHISTLE!
HI, BOY!
REX! YOU'VE COME BACK!
C'MERE, BUSTER!


AS THE GRATEFUL DOG OWNERS DEPART WITH THEIR PETS...
BILLY H-H-HASN'T SHOWN UP! M-M-MAYBE HE'LL NEVER --
NEVER GIVE UP HOPE, TED.


AND THEN...
IT'S BILLY! YOU BROUGHT HIM BACK! GEE -- THANKS!
DON'T FORGET DIANA PRINCE, TED. SHE HELPED AS MUCH AS SHE COULD!


THE NEXT DAY, THE FEMALE DETECTIVE MEETS HER THIRD CLIENT...
EVER SINCE I MOVED TO THIS NEW ADDRESS THREE DAYS AGO, I HAVEN'T SLEPT -- I'VE BEEN THAT FRIGHTENED! STRANGE LIGHTS -- VOICES -- NOISES -- AT MIDNIGHT -- I'M SURE IT'S GHOSTS! BUT I HAVE NO PLACE ELSE TO GO!
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS GHOSTS, MRS. REMSEN. BUT I'LL BE AT YOUR HOUSE TONIGHT TO INVESTIGATE!


JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT, WONDER WOMAN APPEARS AT MRS. REMSEN'S AND---
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN OUT OF MY BEDROOM AT NIGHT, WONDER WOMAN. WHAT'S YOUR PLAN? OH-LOOK! TH--THE GHOSTS!
THEY'RE NOT WASTING ANY TIME NOW THAT THEY'VE FOUND YOU GONE!
INSIDE THE ROOM---
HERE'S THE BANK HAUL! JUST WHERE WE HID IT--- BEFORE THE COPS CAUGHT US AND SENT US TO JAIL!
OUR PLAN TO FRIGHTEN THE OLD LADY OUTTA HERE LONG ENOUGH TO PICK UP THE DOUGH, WORKED! HA, HA!
WHOO! WHOO! I'M A GHOST! HA, HA, HA!
WHO SAYS CRIME DOESN'T PAY!
I DO!
WONDER WOMAN!
BLAST 'ER BEFORE SHE GETS US WITH THAT LASSO!
BUT THE FLEET AMAZON'S SPEED IS TOO MUCH FOR THE STARTLED CRIMINALS AS THE GOLDEN LASSO WHIPS UNDER THEIR FEET, TIGHTENS AROUND THEIR ANKLES AND---
SO THESE ARE THE "GHOSTS", WONDER WOMAN! THESE HOODLUMS SNEAKING BACK FOR THEIR LOOT!
WE GIVE UP!
YEOW! UHH--!
YES, MRS. REMSEN, YOU'LL USUALLY FIND A VERY SIMPLE EXPLANATION FOR MANY SO-CALLED SUPERNATURAL OCCURRENCES!
THANKS, WONDER WOMAN, FOR RIDDING ME OF MY SUPERSTITIOUS FEARS!


NO SOONER DOES THE ALLURING AMAZON RETURN TO HER OFFICE AND CHANGE BACK TO DIANA PRINCE, PRIVATE DETECTIVE, AGAIN WHEN---
MY EMPLOYER, WHO WISHES TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, OFFERS YOU THIS THOUSAND DOLLAR BILL AS A RETAINER. YOUR JOB--TO SHADOW **WONDER WOMAN**!
SHADES OF PLUTO! WHAT AN ASSIGNMENT! I'M TO SHADOW **MYSELF**!
1000
WHY SHOULD SOMEONE OFFER A THOUSAND DOLLARS AS PART PAYMENT TO A PRIVATE DETECTIVE TO SHADOW **WONDER WOMAN**? AND WHY SHOULD THAT SAME PERSON WANT TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS? THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS MYSTERY--ACCEPT THE ASSIGNMENT!
1000 DOLLARS
AND SO, A FEW MINUTES LATER....
THAT BUTLER'S EMPLOYER WON'T REMAIN ANONYMOUS FOR LONG, WHEN I SHADOW HIM BACK TO HIS EMPLOYER'S HOME...THESE PARCELS WILL HELP TO CONCEAL MY FACE IN CASE HE LOOKS AROUND SUDDENLY.
SUDDENLY...
THAT BUTLER HOPPED INTO THAT LIMOUSINE WHICH DREW ALONGSIDE OF HIM FOR A MOMENT! I CAN'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
A SPEEDY LEAP LANDS THE AGILE FEMALE DETECTIVE ON THE BACK OF THE LIMOUSINE WHERE SHE CLINGS UNOBSERVED, DURING ITS RAPID TRIP---
WE'RE NEARING A HOUSE! I'D BETTER GET OFF BEFORE THE CAR STOPS!
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BUT JUST AS DIANA IS ABOUT TO LEAP OFF, A PARALYZING CHARGE OF ELECTRICITY RIVETS HER TO HER PRECARIOUS PERCH---
OHH---!
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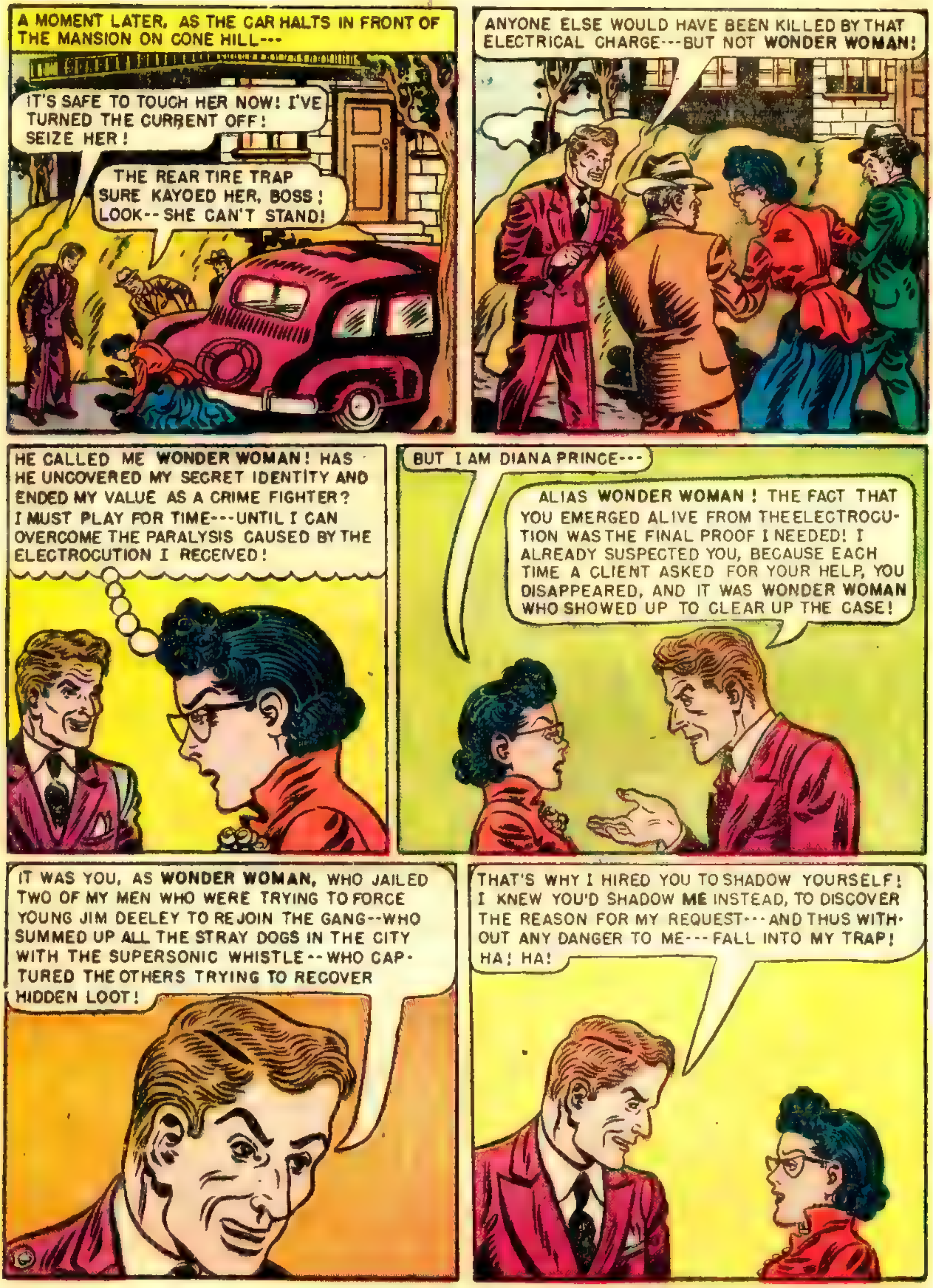
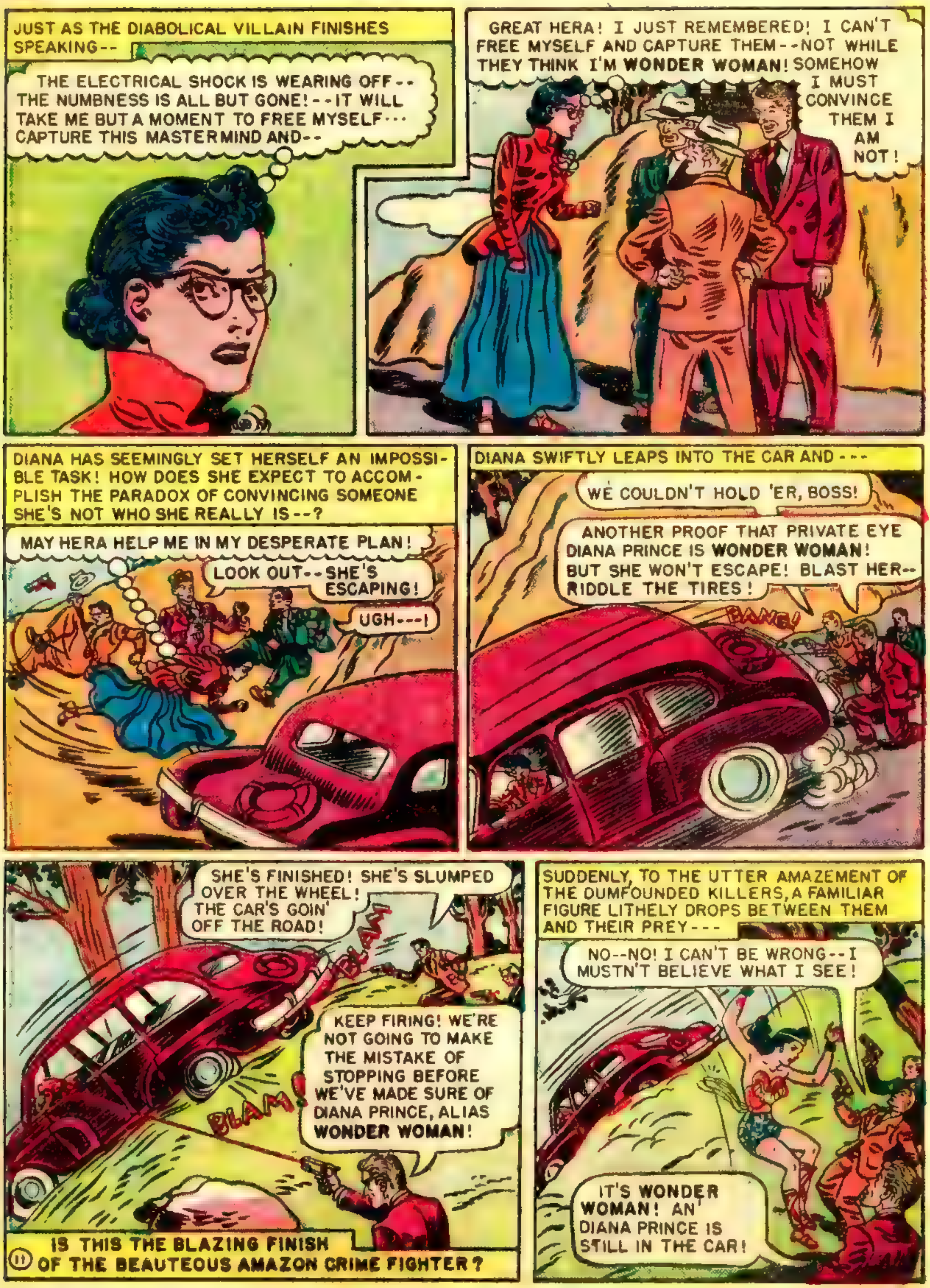
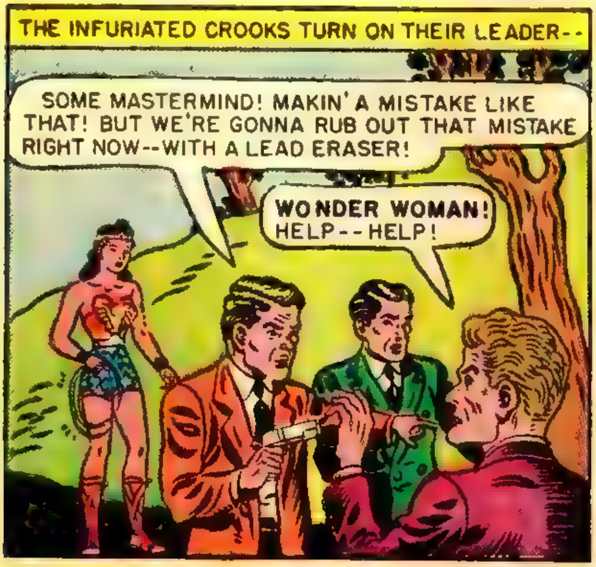
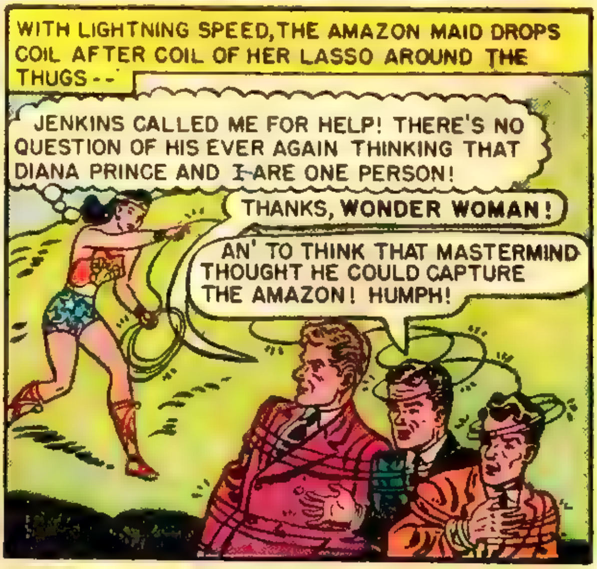
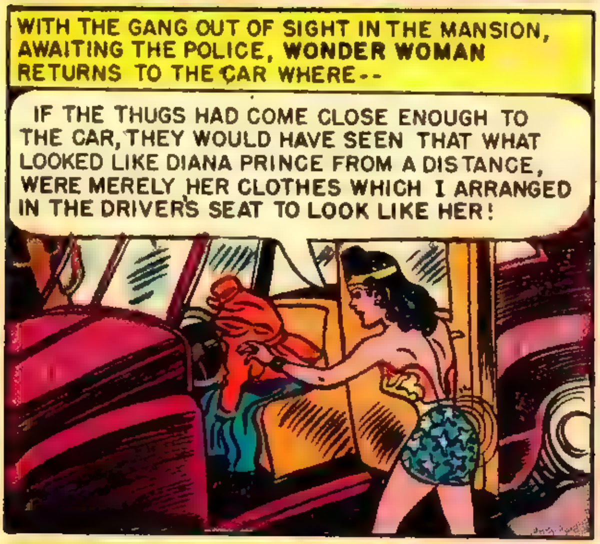
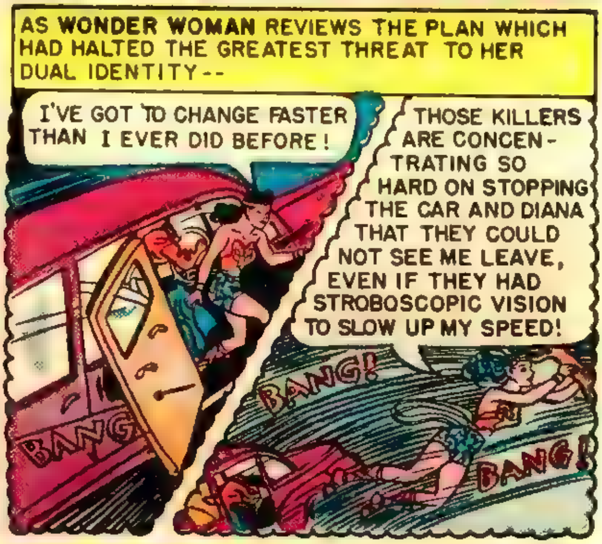

A MOMENT LATER, AS THE CAR HALTS IN FRONT OF THE MANSION ON CONE HILL---
IT'S SAFE TO TOUCH HER NOW! I'VE TURNED THE CURRENT OFF! SEIZE HER!
THE REAR TIRE TRAP SURE KAYOED HER, BOSS! LOOK--SHE CAN'T STAND!
ANYONE ELSE WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED BY THAT ELECTRICAL CHARGE---BUT NOT WONDER WOMAN!
HE CALLED ME WONDER WOMAN! HAS HE UNCOVERED MY SECRET IDENTITY AND ENDED MY VALUE AS A CRIME FIGHTER? I MUST PLAY FOR TIME---UNTIL I CAN OVERCOME THE PARALYSIS CAUSED BY THE ELECTROCUTION I RECEIVED!
BUT I AM DIANA PRINCE---
ALIAS WONDER WOMAN! THE FACT THAT YOU EMERGED ALIVE FROM THE ELECTROCUTION WAS THE FINAL PROOF I NEEDED! I ALREADY SUSPECTED YOU, BECAUSE EACH TIME A CLIENT ASKED FOR YOUR HELP, YOU DISAPPEARED, AND IT WAS WONDER WOMAN WHO SHOWED UP TO CLEAR UP THE CASE!
IT WAS YOU, AS WONDER WOMAN, WHO JAILED TWO OF MY MEN WHO WERE TRYING TO FORCE YOUNG JIM DEELEY TO REJOIN THE GANG--WHO SUMMED UP ALL THE STRAY DOGS IN THE CITY WITH THE SUPERSONIC WHISTLE--WHO CAPTURED THE OTHERS TRYING TO RECOVER HIDDEN LOOT!
THAT'S WHY I HIRED YOU TO SHADOW YOURSELF! I KNEW YOU'D SHADOW ME INSTEAD, TO DISCOVER THE REASON FOR MY REQUEST---AND THUS WITHOUT ANY DANGER TO ME---FALL INTO MY TRAP! HA! HA!

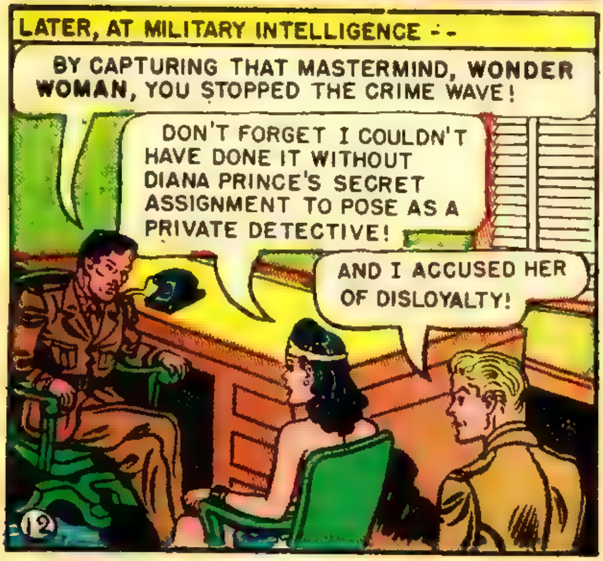

JUST AS THE DIABOLICAL VILLAIN FINISHES SPEAKING--
THE ELECTRICAL SHOCK IS WEARING OFF--THE NUMBNESS IS ALL BUT GONE!--IT WILL TAKE ME BUT A MOMENT TO FREE MYSELF... CAPTURE THIS MASTERMIND AND--
GREAT HERA! I JUST REMEMBERED! I CAN'T FREE MYSELF AND CAPTURE THEM--NOT WHILE THEY THINK I'M **WONDER WOMAN!** SOMEHOW I MUST CONVINCE THEM I AM NOT!
DIANA HAS SEEMINGLY SET HERSELF AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK! HOW DOES SHE EXPECT TO ACCOMPLISH THE PARADOX OF CONVINCING SOMEONE SHE'S NOT WHO SHE REALLY IS--?
MAY HERA HELP ME IN MY DESPERATE PLAN!
LOOK OUT--SHE'S ESCAPING!
UGH---!
DIANA SWIFTLY LEAPS INTO THE CAR AND---
WE COULDN'T HOLD 'ER, BOSS!
ANOTHER PROOF THAT PRIVATE EYE DIANA PRINCE IS **WONDER WOMAN!** BUT SHE WON'T ESCAPE! BLAST HER--RIDDLE THE TIRES!
BANG!
SHE'S FINISHED! SHE'S SLUMPED OVER THE WHEEL! THE CAR'S GOIN' OFF THE ROAD!
BLAM!
KEEP FIRING! WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE THE MISTAKE OF STOPPING BEFORE WE'VE MADE SURE OF DIANA PRINCE, ALIAS **WONDER WOMAN!**
BLAM!
IS THIS THE BLAZING FINISH OF THE BEAUTEOUS AMAZON CRIME FIGHTER?
SUDDENLY, TO THE UTTER AMAZEMENT OF THE DUMFOUNDED KILLERS, A FAMILIAR FIGURE LITHELY DROPS BETWEEN THEM AND THEIR PREY---
NO--NO! I CAN'T BE WRONG--I MUSTN'T BELIEVE WHAT I SEE!
IT'S WONDER WOMAN! AN' DIANA PRINCE IS STILL IN THE CAR!

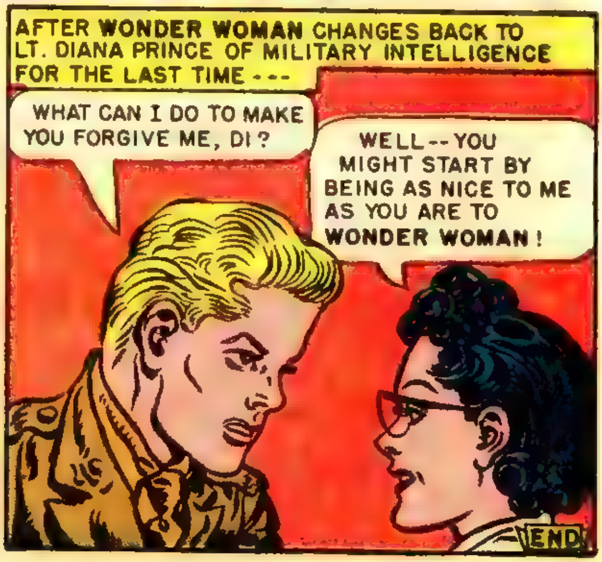

THE INFURIATED CROOKS TURN ON THEIR LEADER--
SOME MASTERMIND! MAKIN' A MISTAKE LIKE THAT! BUT WE'RE GONNA RUB OUT THAT MISTAKE RIGHT NOW--WITH A LEAD ERASER!
WONDER WOMAN! HELP--HELP!


WITH LIGHTNING SPEED, THE AMAZON MAID DROPS COIL AFTER COIL OF HER LASSO AROUND THE THUGS--
JENKINS CALLED ME FOR HELP! THERE'S NO QUESTION OF HIS EVER AGAIN THINKING THAT DIANA PRINCE AND I ARE ONE PERSON!
THANKS, WONDER WOMAN!
AN' TO THINK THAT MASTERMIND THOUGHT HE COULD CAPTURE THE AMAZON! HUMPH!


WITH THE GANG OUT OF SIGHT IN THE MANSION, AWAITING THE POLICE, WONDER WOMAN RETURNS TO THE CAR WHERE--
IF THE THUGS HAD COME CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE CAR, THEY WOULD HAVE SEEN THAT WHAT LOOKED LIKE DIANA PRINCE FROM A DISTANCE, WERE MERELY HER CLOTHES WHICH I ARRANGED IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT TO LOOK LIKE HER!

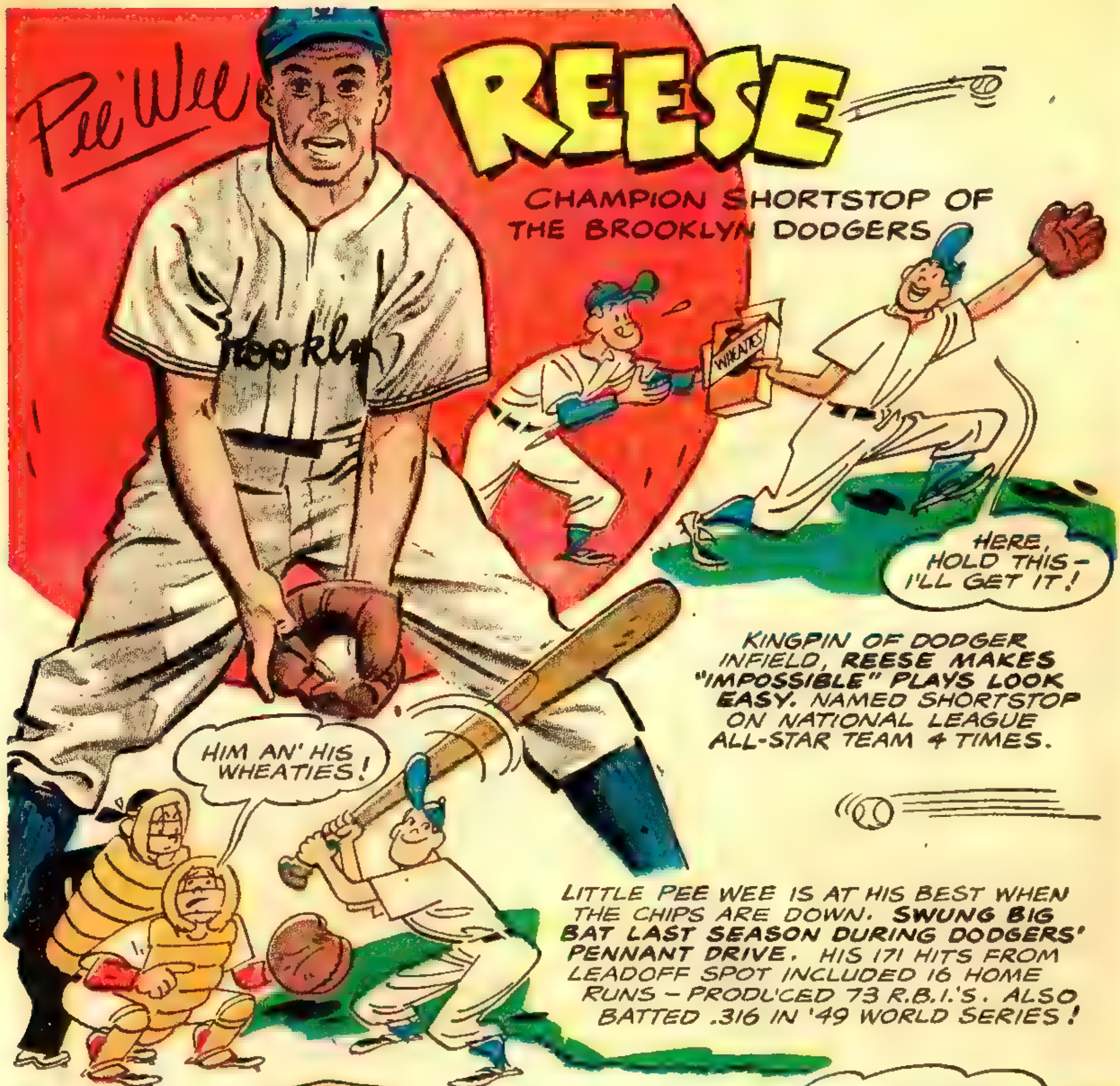

AS WONDER WOMAN REVIEWS THE PLAN WHICH HAD HALTED THE GREATEST THREAT TO HER DUAL IDENTITY--
I'VE GOT TO CHANGE FASTER THAN I EVER DID BEFORE!
THOSE KILLERS ARE CONCENTRATING SO HARD ON STOPPING THE CAR AND DIANA THAT THEY COULD NOT SEE ME LEAVE, EVEN IF THEY HAD STROBOSCOPIC VISION TO SLOW UP MY SPEED!
BANG
BANG!
BANG!


LATER, AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE--
BY CAPTURING THAT MASTERMIND, WONDER WOMAN, YOU STOPPED THE CRIME WAVE!
DON'T FORGET I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT DIANA PRINCE'S SECRET ASSIGNMENT TO POSE AS A PRIVATE DETECTIVE!
AND I ACCUSED HER OF DISLOYALTY!


AFTER WONDER WOMAN CHANGES BACK TO LT. DIANA PRINCE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE FOR THE LAST TIME---
WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE YOU FORGIVE ME, DI?
WELL--YOU MIGHT START BY BEING AS NICE TO ME AS YOU ARE TO WONDER WOMAN!
END

Pee Wee REESE

CHAMPION SHORTSTOP OF THE BROOKLYN DODGERS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HERE, HOLD THIS— I'LL GET IT!
HIM AN' HIS WHEATIES!

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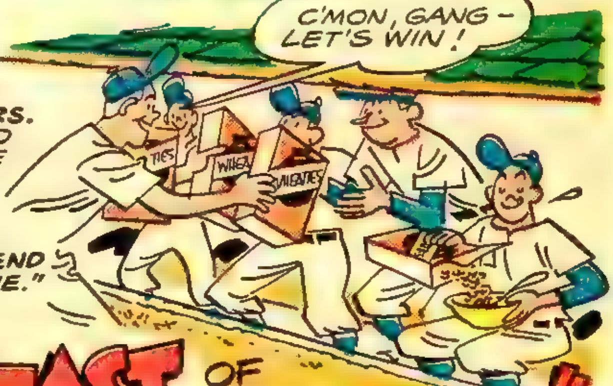
C'MON, GANG – LET'S WIN!
WHEATIES
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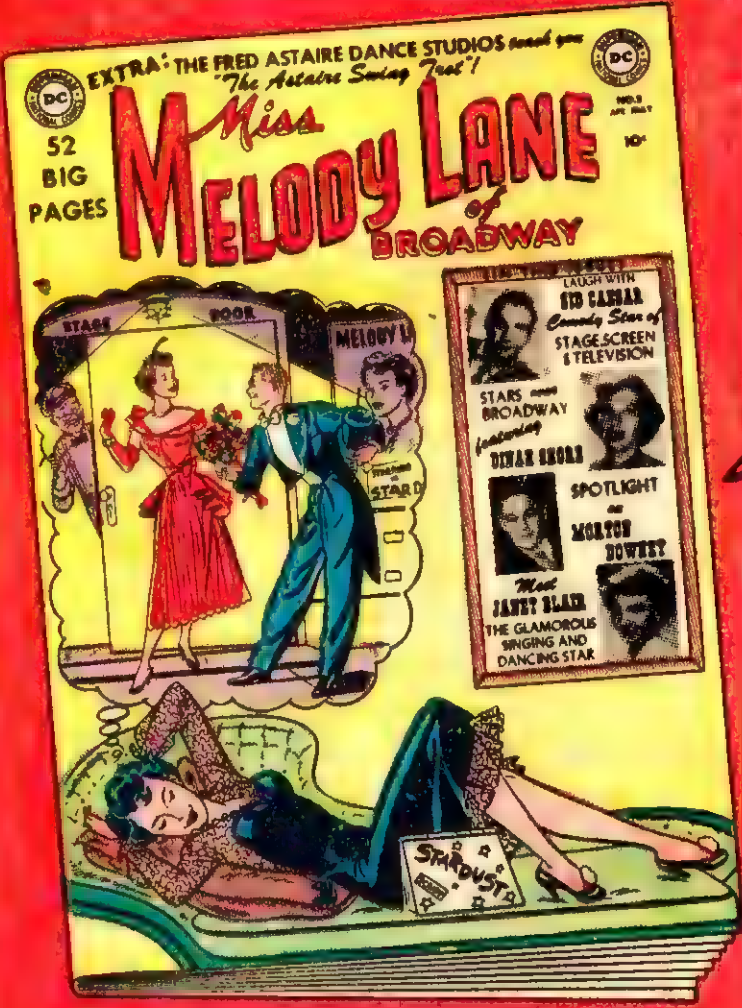

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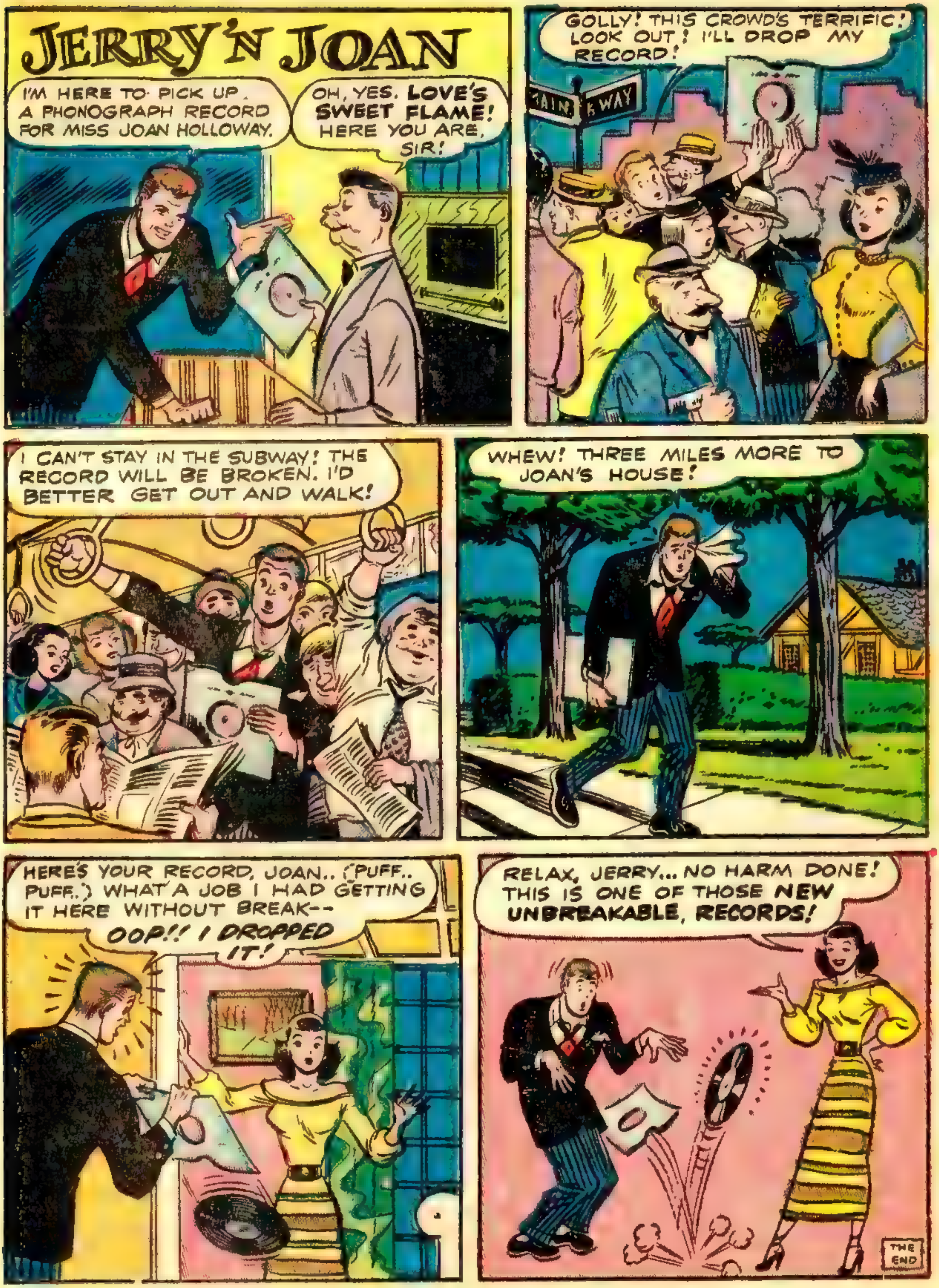
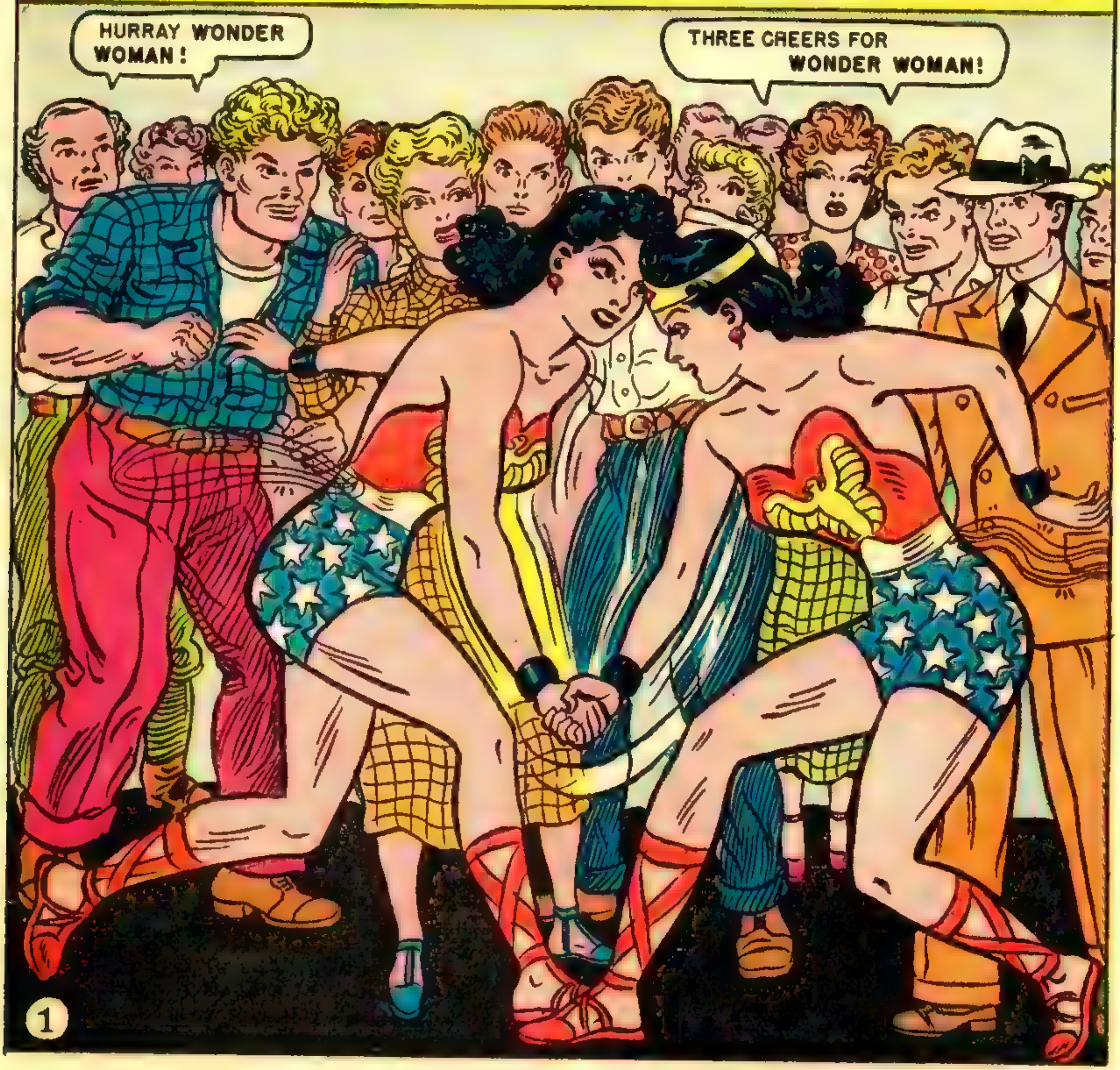

JERRY 'N JOAN
I'M HERE TO PICK UP A PHONOGRAPH RECORD FOR MISS JOAN HOLLOWAY.
OH, YES. LOVE'S SWEET FLAME! HERE YOU ARE, SIR!
GOLLY! THIS CROWD'S TERRIFIC! LOOK OUT! I'LL DROP MY RECORD!
MAIN
WAY
I CAN'T STAY IN THE SUBWAY! THE RECORD WILL BE BROKEN. I'D BETTER GET OUT AND WALK!
WHEW! THREE MILES MORE TO JOAN'S HOUSE!
HERE'S YOUR RECORD, JOAN.. (PUFF.. PUFF..) WHAT A JOB I HAD GETTING IT HERE WITHOUT BREAK-- OOP!! I DROPPED IT!
RELAX, JERRY... NO HARM DONE! THIS IS ONE OF THOSE NEW UNBREAKABLE, RECORDS!
THE END

Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

CAN **WONDER WOMAN** COMPETE AGAINST HERSELF? IF, BY THE WILDEST STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION, SHE COULD, WHO WOULD WIN? **WONDER WOMAN** — BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY — HAS ROCKETED THROUGH COUNTLESS ADVENTURES ON EARTH AND IN THE FAR REACHES OF SPACE. BUT NOW, TO SUSTAIN THE SIMPLE FAITH OF AN ISOLATED MOUNTAIN TOWN, SHE IS FORCED INTO THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY BATTLE OF ALL TIME IN····

"WONDER WOMAN VS. WONDER WOMAN!"


HURRAY WONDER WOMAN!
THREE CHEERS FOR WONDER WOMAN!
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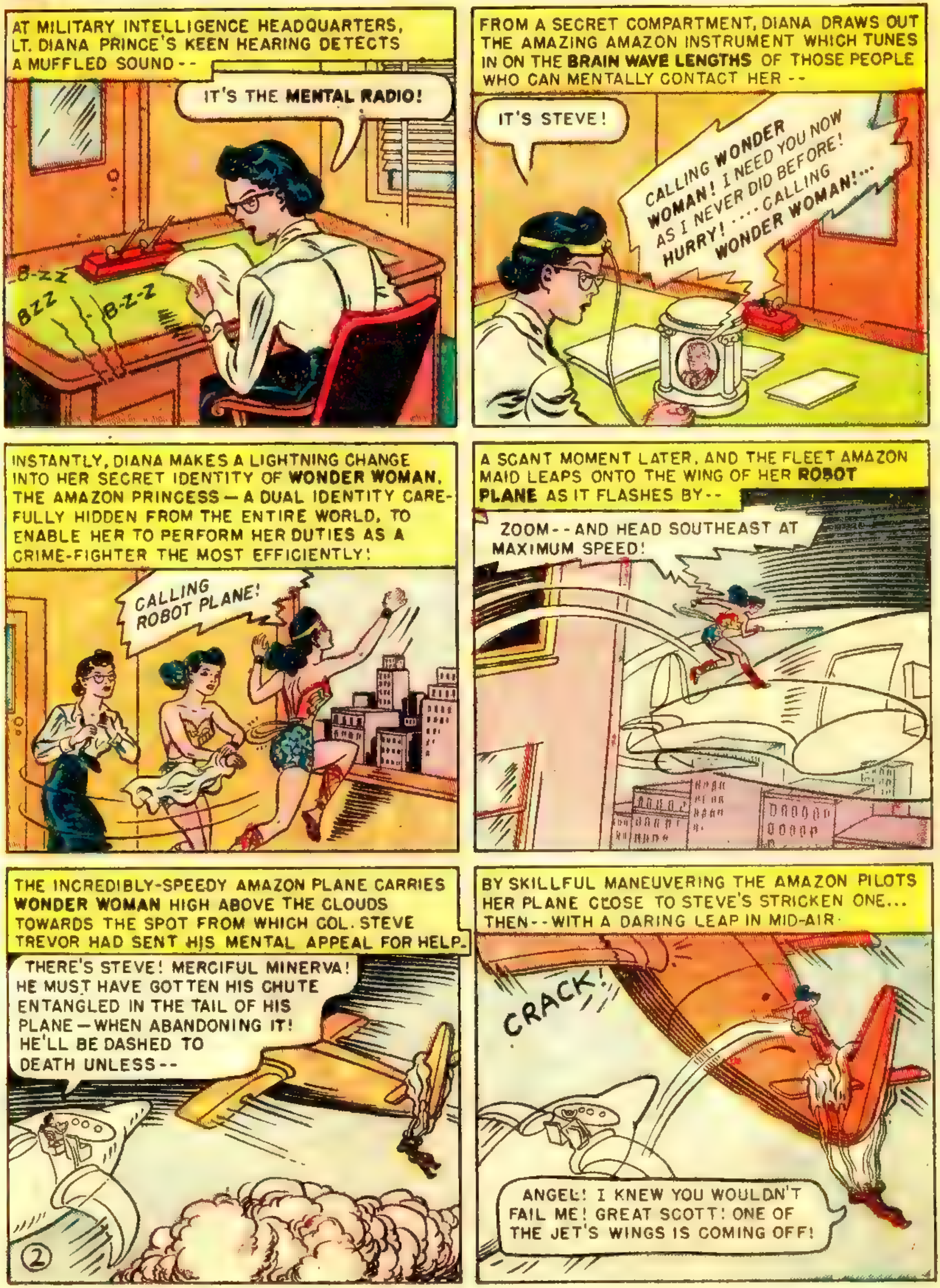
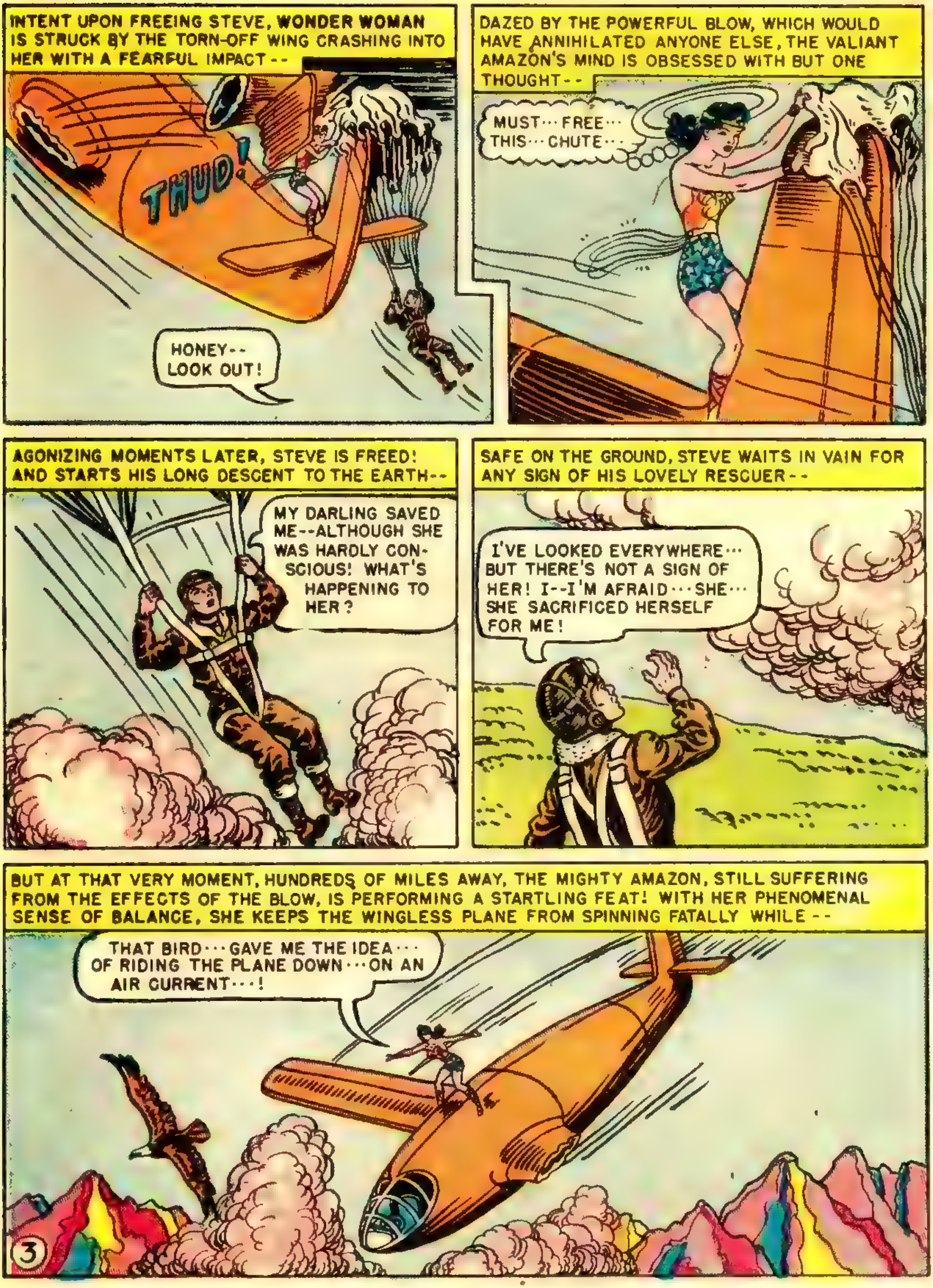
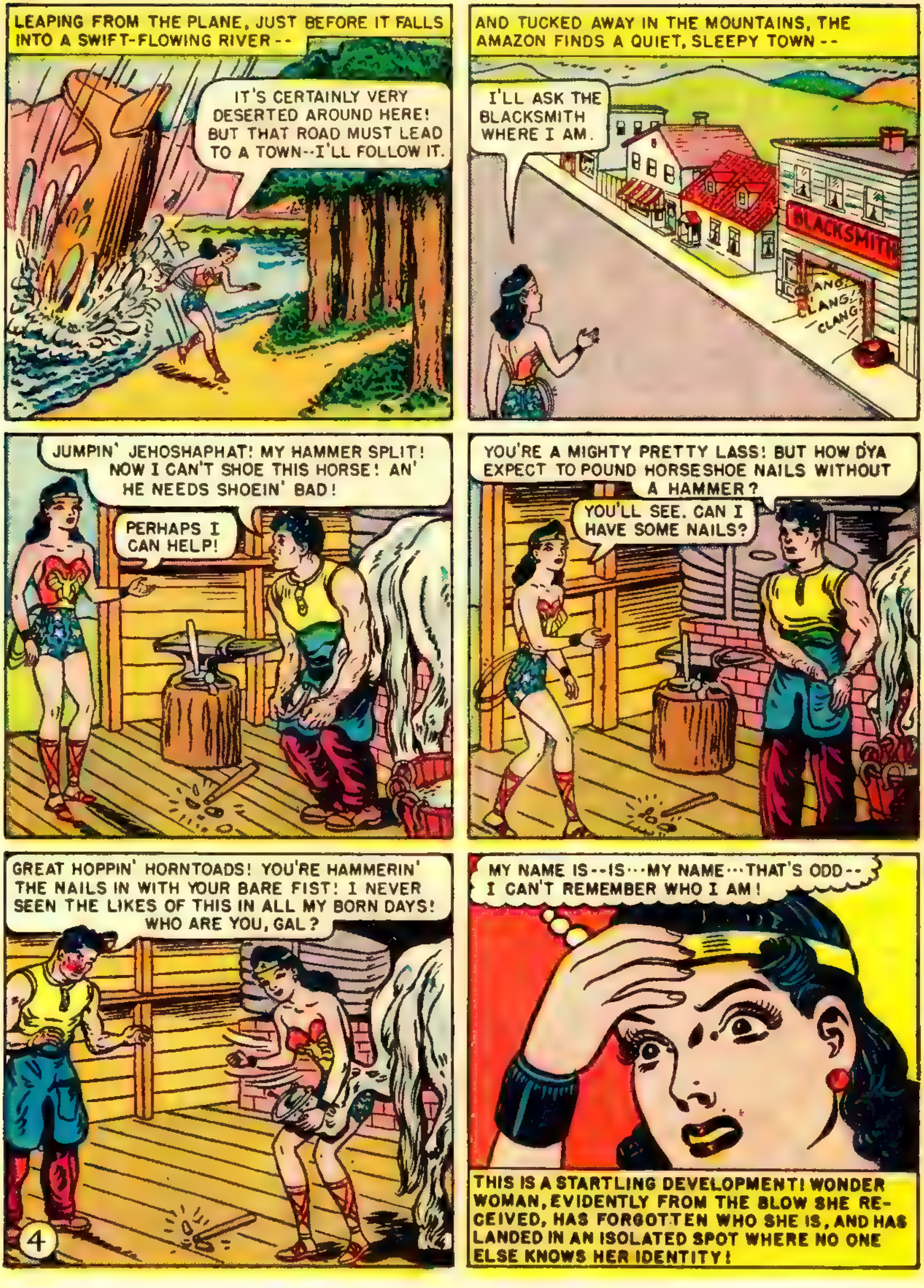
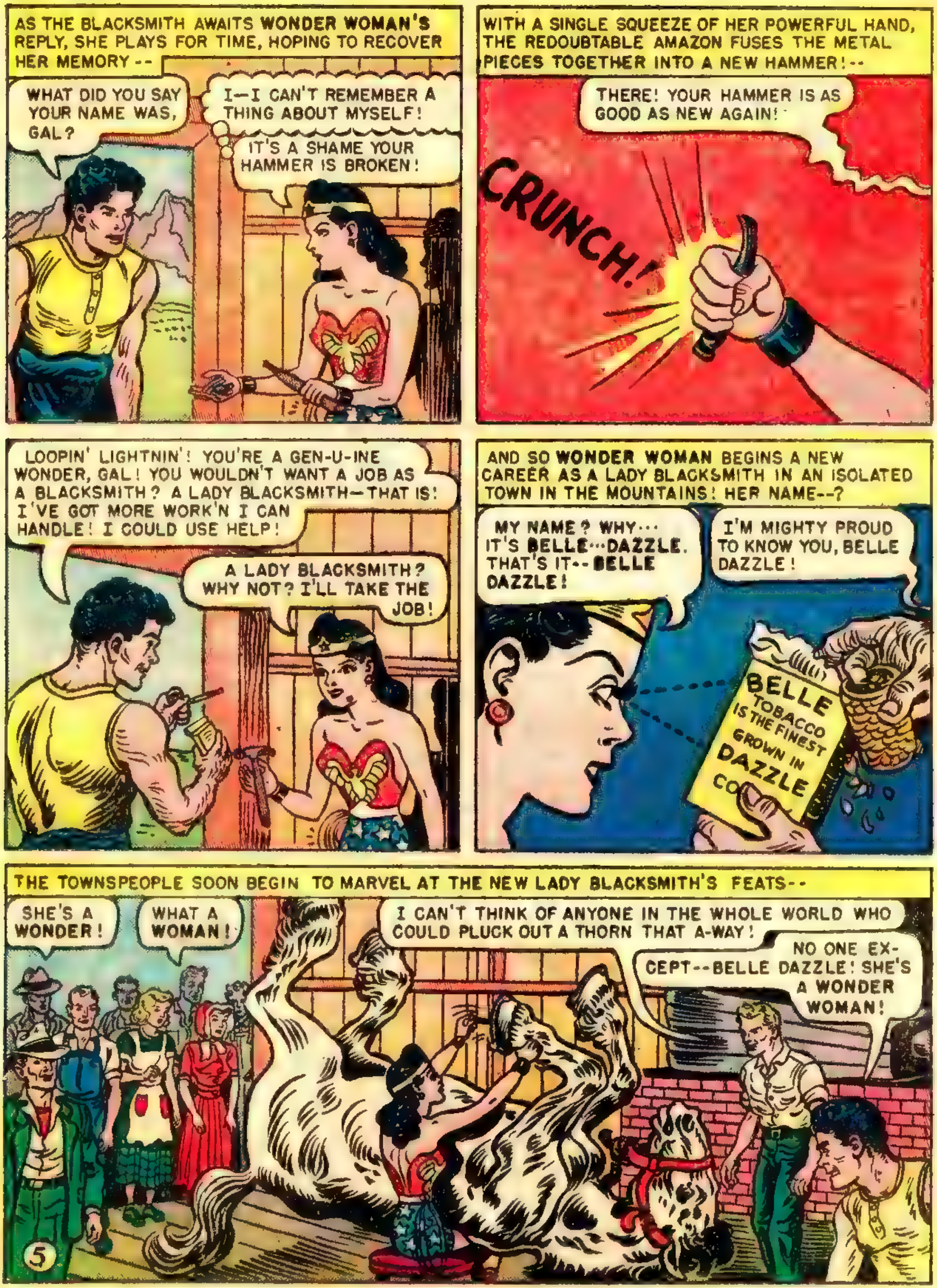
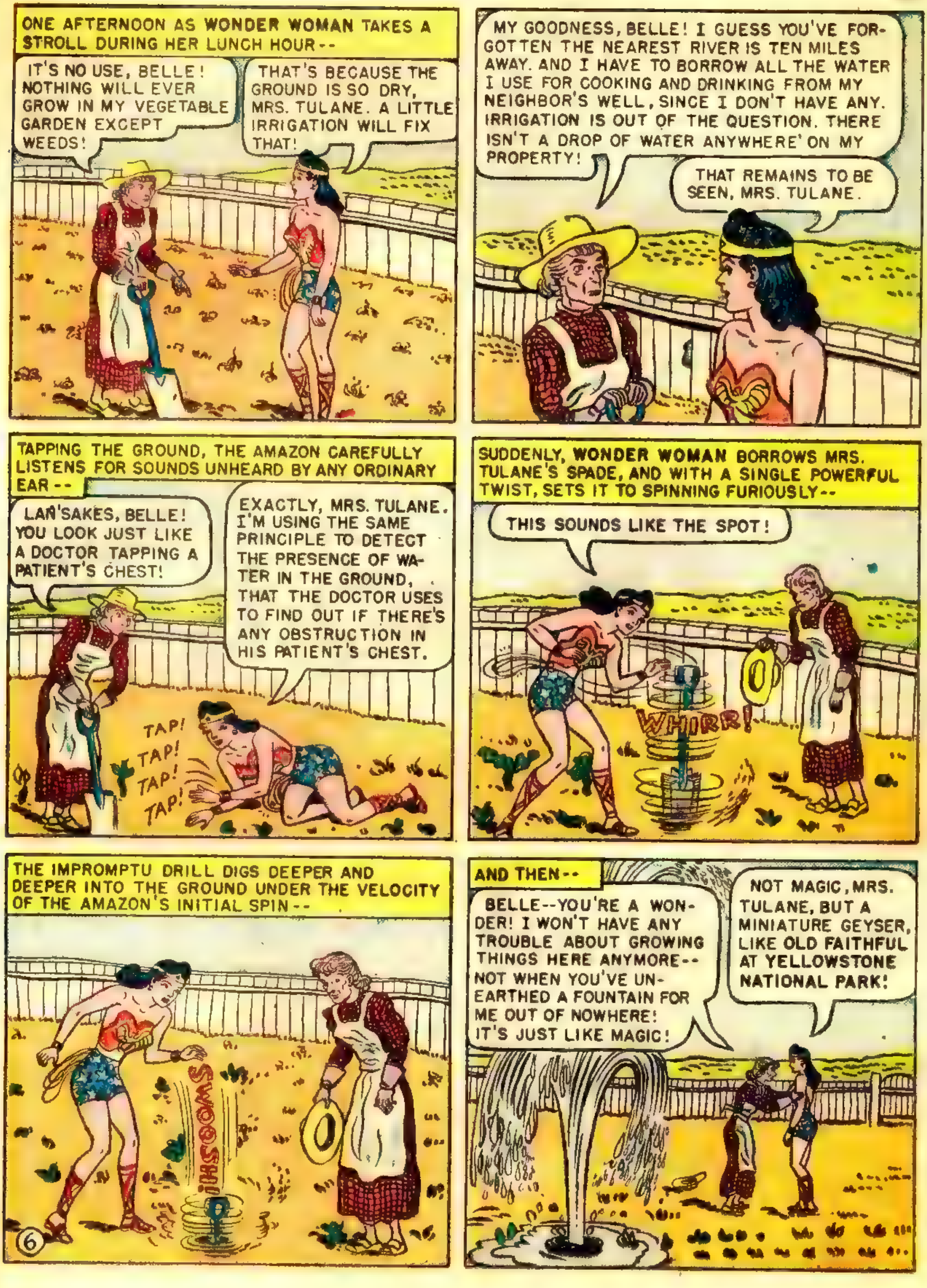

AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS, LT. DIANA PRINCE'S KEEN HEARING DETECTS A MUFFLED SOUND--
IT'S THE MENTAL RADIO!
B-ZZ
BZZ
B-Z-Z
FROM A SECRET COMPARTMENT, DIANA DRAWS OUT THE AMAZING AMAZON INSTRUMENT WHICH TUNES IN ON THE BRAIN WAVE LENGTHS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO CAN MENTALLY CONTACT HER--
IT'S STEVE!
CALLING WONDER WOMAN! I NEED YOU NOW AS I NEVER DID BEFORE! HURRY! ....CALLING WONDER WOMAN!...
INSTANTLY, DIANA MAKES A LIGHTNING CHANGE INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF WONDER WOMAN, THE AMAZON PRINCESS — A DUAL IDENTITY CAREFULLY HIDDEN FROM THE ENTIRE WORLD, TO ENABLE HER TO PERFORM HER DUTIES AS A CRIME-FIGHTER THE MOST EFFICIENTLY!
CALLING ROBOT PLANE!
A SCANT MOMENT LATER, AND THE FLEET AMAZON MAID LEAPS ONTO THE WING OF HER ROBOT PLANE AS IT FLASHES BY--
ZOOM--AND HEAD SOUTHEAST AT MAXIMUM SPEED!
THE INCREDIBLY-SPEEDY AMAZON PLANE CARRIES WONDER WOMAN HIGH ABOVE THE CLOUDS TOWARDS THE SPOT FROM WHICH COL. STEVE TREVOR HAD SENT HIS MENTAL APPEAL FOR HELP.
THERE'S STEVE! MERCIFUL MINERVA! HE MUST HAVE GOTTEN HIS CHUTE ENTANGLED IN THE TAIL OF HIS PLANE — WHEN ABANDONING IT! HE'LL BE DASHED TO DEATH UNLESS--
BY SKILLFUL MANEUVERING THE AMAZON PILOTS HER PLANE CLOSE TO STEVE'S STRICKEN ONE... THEN--WITH A DARING LEAP IN MID-AIR.
CRACK!
ANGEL! I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T FAIL ME! GREAT SCOTT! ONE OF THE JET'S WINGS IS COMING OFF!


INTENT UPON FREEING STEVE, WONDER WOMAN IS STRUCK BY THE TORN-OFF WING CRASHING INTO HER WITH A FEARFUL IMPACT--
THUD!
HONEY-- LOOK OUT!
DAZED BY THE POWERFUL BLOW, WHICH WOULD HAVE ANNIHILATED ANYONE ELSE, THE VALIANT AMAZON'S MIND IS OBSESSED WITH BUT ONE THOUGHT--
MUST··· FREE··· THIS··· CHUTE···
AGONIZING MOMENTS LATER, STEVE IS FREED! AND STARTS HIS LONG DESCENT TO THE EARTH--
MY DARLING SAVED ME--ALTHOUGH SHE WAS HARDLY CONSCIOUS! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO HER?
SAFE ON THE GROUND, STEVE WAITS IN VAIN FOR ANY SIGN OF HIS LOVELY RESCUER--
I'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE··· BUT THERE'S NOT A SIGN OF HER! I--I'M AFRAID··· SHE··· SHE SACRIFICED HERSELF FOR ME!
BUT AT THAT VERY MOMENT, HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY, THE MIGHTY AMAZON, STILL SUFFERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE BLOW, IS PERFORMING A STARTLING FEAT! WITH HER PHENOMENAL SENSE OF BALANCE, SHE KEEPS THE WINGLESS PLANE FROM SPINNING FATALLY WHILE--
THAT BIRD··· GAVE ME THE IDEA··· OF RIDING THE PLANE DOWN···ON AN AIR CURRENT···!


LEAPING FROM THE PLANE, JUST BEFORE IT FALLS INTO A SWIFT-FLOWING RIVER --
IT'S CERTAINLY VERY DESERTED AROUND HERE! BUT THAT ROAD MUST LEAD TO A TOWN--I'LL FOLLOW IT.
AND TUCKED AWAY IN THE MOUNTAINS, THE AMAZON FINDS A QUIET, SLEEPY TOWN --
I'LL ASK THE BLACKSMITH WHERE I AM.
BLACKSMITH
CLANG! CLANG! CLANG!
JUMPIN' JEHOSHAPHAT! MY HAMMER SPLIT! NOW I CAN'T SHOE THIS HORSE! AN' HE NEEDS SHOEIN' BAD!
PERHAPS I CAN HELP!
YOU'RE A MIGHTY PRETTY LASS! BUT HOW D'YA EXPECT TO POUND HORSESHOE NAILS WITHOUT A HAMMER?
YOU'LL SEE. CAN I HAVE SOME NAILS?
GREAT HOPPIN' HORNTOADS! YOU'RE HAMMERIN' THE NAILS IN WITH YOUR BARE FIST! I NEVER SEEN THE LIKES OF THIS IN ALL MY BORN DAYS! WHO ARE YOU, GAL?
MY NAME IS--IS···MY NAME···THAT'S ODD-- I CAN'T REMEMBER WHO I AM!
THIS IS A STARTLING DEVELOPMENT! WONDER WOMAN, EVIDENTLY FROM THE BLOW SHE RECEIVED, HAS FORGOTTEN WHO SHE IS, AND HAS LANDED IN AN ISOLATED SPOT WHERE NO ONE ELSE KNOWS HER IDENTITY!


AS THE BLACKSMITH AWAITS WONDER WOMAN'S REPLY, SHE PLAYS FOR TIME, HOPING TO RECOVER HER MEMORY--
WHAT DID YOU SAY YOUR NAME WAS, GAL?
I--I CAN'T REMEMBER A THING ABOUT MYSELF!
IT'S A SHAME YOUR HAMMER IS BROKEN!
WITH A SINGLE SQUEEZE OF HER POWERFUL HAND, THE REDOUBTABLE AMAZON FUSES THE METAL PIECES TOGETHER INTO A NEW HAMMER!--
THERE! YOUR HAMMER IS AS GOOD AS NEW AGAIN!
CRUNCH!
LOOPIN' LIGHTNIN'! YOU'RE A GEN-U-INE WONDER, GAL! YOU WOULDN'T WANT A JOB AS A BLACKSMITH? A LADY BLACKSMITH--THAT IS! I'VE GOT MORE WORK'N I CAN HANDLE! I COULD USE HELP!
A LADY BLACKSMITH? WHY NOT? I'LL TAKE THE JOB!
AND SO WONDER WOMAN BEGINS A NEW CAREER AS A LADY BLACKSMITH IN AN ISOLATED TOWN IN THE MOUNTAINS! HER NAME--?
MY NAME? WHY... IT'S BELLE...DAZZLE. THAT'S IT--BELLE DAZZLE!
I'M MIGHTY PROUD TO KNOW YOU, BELLE DAZZLE!
BELLE TOBACCO IS THE FINEST GROWN IN DAZZLE CO
THE TOWNSPEOPLE SOON BEGIN TO MARVEL AT THE NEW LADY BLACKSMITH'S FEATS--
SHE'S A WONDER!
WHAT A WOMAN!
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE IN THE WHOLE WORLD WHO COULD PLUCK OUT A THORN THAT A-WAY!
NO ONE EXCEPT--BELLE DAZZLE! SHE'S A WONDER WOMAN!


ONE AFTERNOON AS **WONDER WOMAN** TAKES A STROLL DURING HER LUNCH HOUR--
IT'S NO USE, BELLE! NOTHING WILL EVER GROW IN MY VEGETABLE GARDEN EXCEPT WEEDS!
THAT'S BECAUSE THE GROUND IS SO DRY, MRS. TULANE. A LITTLE IRRIGATION WILL FIX THAT!
MY GOODNESS, BELLE! I GUESS YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THE NEAREST RIVER IS TEN MILES AWAY. AND I HAVE TO BORROW ALL THE WATER I USE FOR COOKING AND DRINKING FROM MY NEIGHBOR'S WELL, SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANY. IRRIGATION IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. THERE ISN'T A DROP OF WATER ANYWHERE ON MY PROPERTY!
THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, MRS. TULANE.
TAPPING THE GROUND, THE AMAZON CAREFULLY LISTENS FOR SOUNDS UNHEARD BY ANY ORDINARY EAR--
LAN'SAKES, BELLE! YOU LOOK JUST LIKE A DOCTOR TAPPING A PATIENT'S CHEST!
EXACTLY, MRS. TULANE. I'M USING THE SAME PRINCIPLE TO DETECT THE PRESENCE OF WATER IN THE GROUND, THAT THE DOCTOR USES TO FIND OUT IF THERE'S ANY OBSTRUCTION IN HIS PATIENT'S CHEST.
TAP! TAP! TAP! TAP!
SUDDENLY, **WONDER WOMAN** BORROWS MRS. TULANE'S SPADE, AND WITH A SINGLE POWERFUL TWIST, SETS IT TO SPINNING FURIOUSLY--
THIS SOUNDS LIKE THE SPOT!
WHIRR!
THE IMPROMPTU DRILL DIGS DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO THE GROUND UNDER THE VELOCITY OF THE AMAZON'S INITIAL SPIN--
SWOOSH!
AND THEN--
BELLE--YOU'RE A WONDER! I WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE ABOUT GROWING THINGS HERE ANYMORE--NOT WHEN YOU'VE UNEARTHED A FOUNTAIN FOR ME OUT OF NOWHERE! IT'S JUST LIKE MAGIC!
NOT MAGIC, MRS. TULANE, BUT A MINIATURE GEYSER, LIKE OLD FAITHFUL AT YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK!
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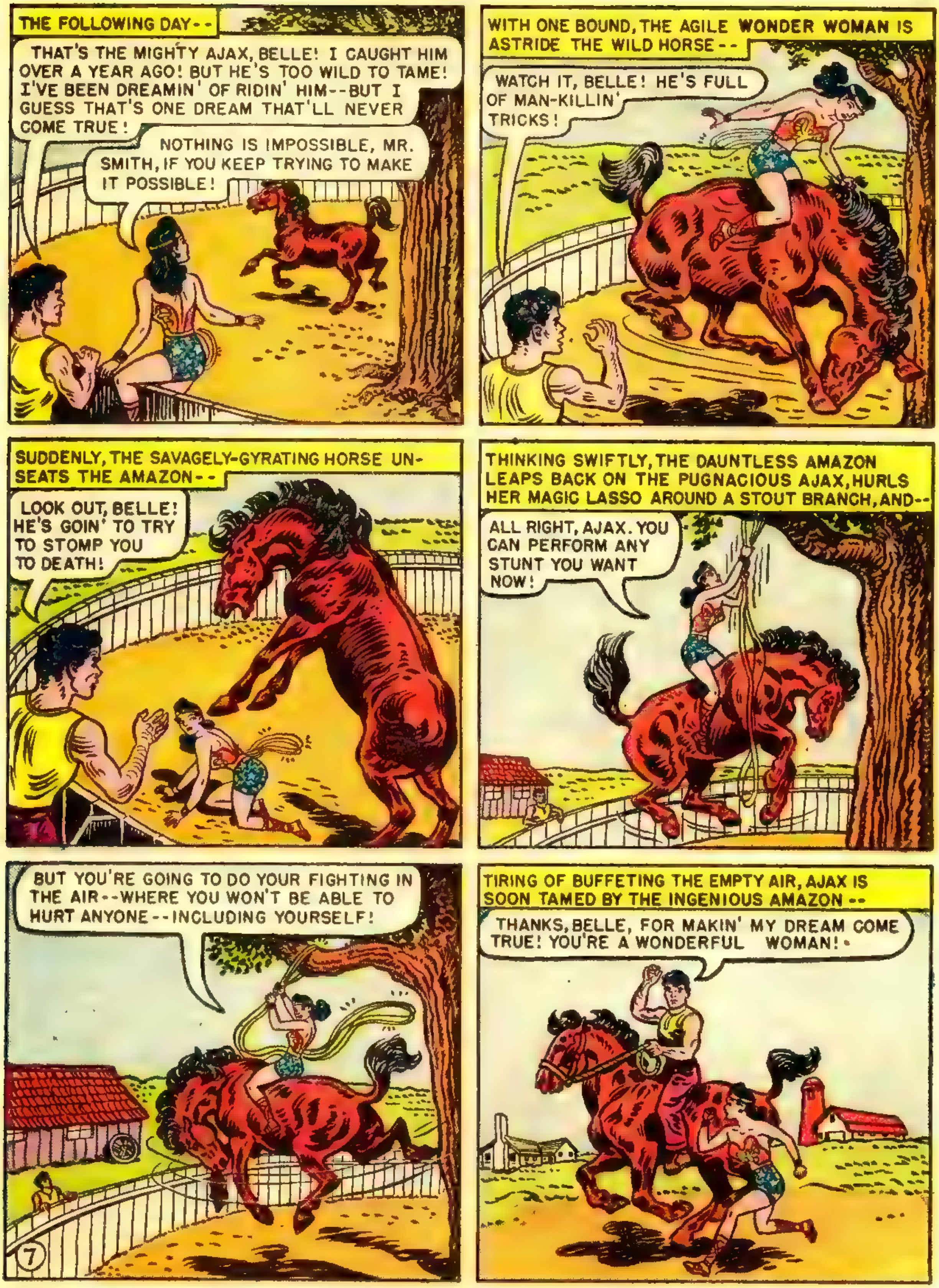
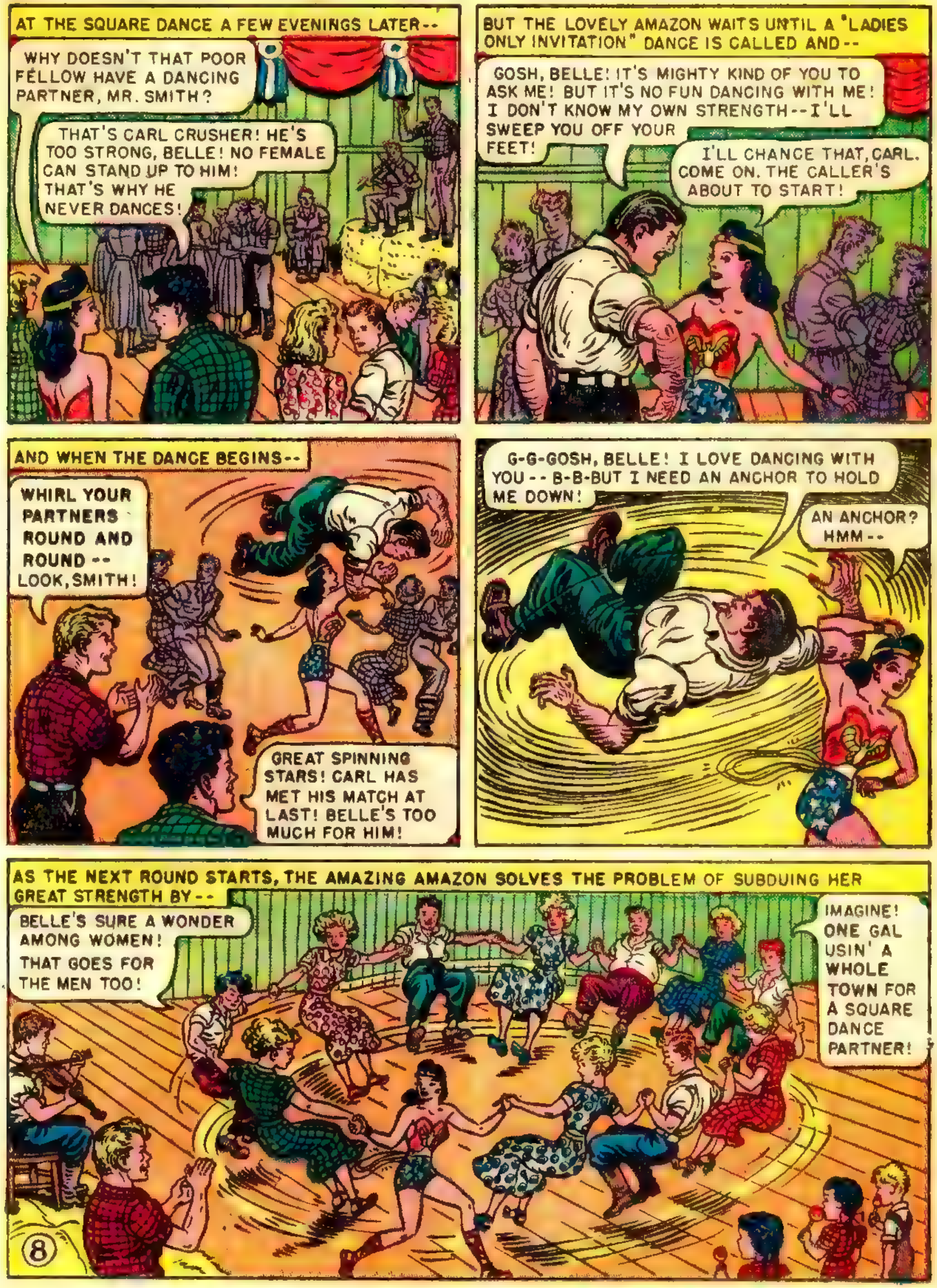
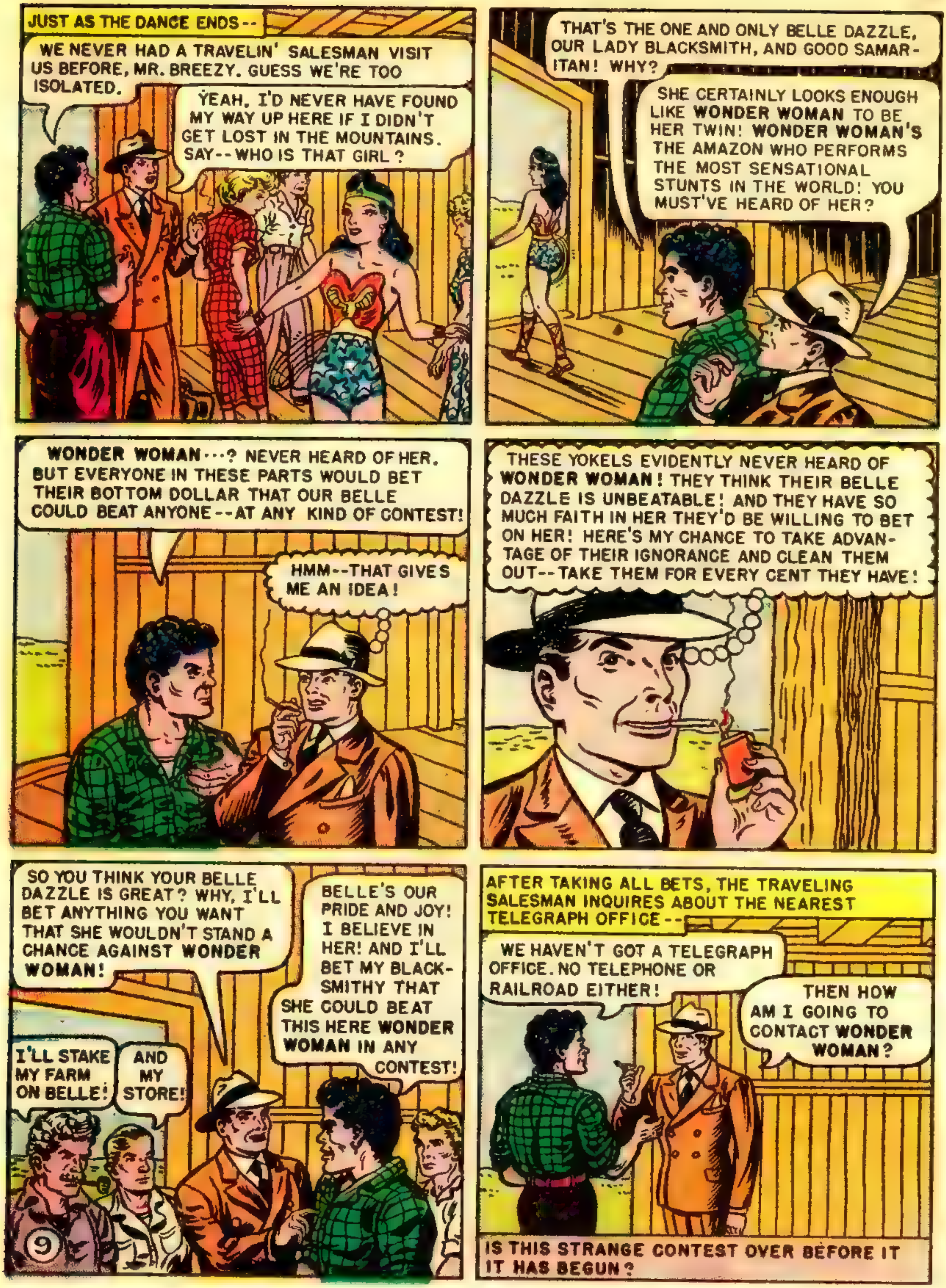

THE FOLLOWING DAY--
THAT'S THE MIGHTY AJAX, BELLE! I CAUGHT HIM OVER A YEAR AGO! BUT HE'S TOO WILD TO TAME! I'VE BEEN DREAMIN' OF RIDIN' HIM--BUT I GUESS THAT'S ONE DREAM THAT'LL NEVER COME TRUE!
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE, MR. SMITH, IF YOU KEEP TRYING TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE!
WITH ONE BOUND, THE AGILE WONDER WOMAN IS ASTRIDE THE WILD HORSE--
WATCH IT, BELLE! HE'S FULL OF MAN-KILLIN' TRICKS!
SUDDENLY, THE SAVAGELY-GYRATING HORSE UNSEATS THE AMAZON--
LOOK OUT, BELLE! HE'S GOIN' TO TRY TO STOMP YOU TO DEATH!
THINKING SWIFTLY, THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON LEAPS BACK ON THE PUGNACIOUS AJAX, HURLS HER MAGIC LASSO AROUND A STOUT BRANCH, AND--
ALL RIGHT, AJAX. YOU CAN PERFORM ANY STUNT YOU WANT NOW!
BUT YOU'RE GOING TO DO YOUR FIGHTING IN THE AIR--WHERE YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HURT ANYONE--INCLUDING YOURSELF!
TIRING OF BUFFETING THE EMPTY AIR, AJAX IS SOON TAMED BY THE INGENIOUS AMAZON--
THANKS, BELLE, FOR MAKIN' MY DREAM COME TRUE! YOU'RE A WONDERFUL WOMAN!


AT THE SQUARE DANCE A FEW EVENINGS LATER--
WHY DOESN'T THAT POOR FELLOW HAVE A DANCING PARTNER, MR. SMITH?
THAT'S CARL CRUSHER! HE'S TOO STRONG, BELLE! NO FEMALE CAN STAND UP TO HIM! THAT'S WHY HE NEVER DANCES!
BUT THE LOVELY AMAZON WAITS UNTIL A "LADIES ONLY INVITATION" DANCE IS CALLED AND--
GOSH, BELLE! IT'S MIGHTY KIND OF YOU TO ASK ME! BUT IT'S NO FUN DANCING WITH ME! I DON'T KNOW MY OWN STRENGTH--I'LL SWEEP YOU OFF YOUR FEET!
I'LL CHANCE THAT, CARL. COME ON. THE CALLER'S ABOUT TO START!
AND WHEN THE DANCE BEGINS--
WHIRL YOUR PARTNERS ROUND AND ROUND--LOOK, SMITH!
GREAT SPINNING STARS! CARL HAS MET HIS MATCH AT LAST! BELLE'S TOO MUCH FOR HIM!
G-G-GOSH, BELLE! I LOVE DANCING WITH YOU--B-B-BUT I NEED AN ANCHOR TO HOLD ME DOWN!
AN ANCHOR? HMM--
AS THE NEXT ROUND STARTS, THE AMAZING AMAZON SOLVES THE PROBLEM OF SUBDUING HER GREAT STRENGTH BY--
BELLE'S SURE A WONDER AMONG WOMEN! THAT GOES FOR THE MEN TOO!
IMAGINE! ONE GAL USIN' A WHOLE TOWN FOR A SQUARE DANCE PARTNER!


JUST AS THE DANCE ENDS--
WE NEVER HAD A TRAVELIN' SALESMAN VISIT US BEFORE, MR. BREEZY. GUESS WE'RE TOO ISOLATED.
YEAH, I'D NEVER HAVE FOUND MY WAY UP HERE IF I DIDN'T GET LOST IN THE MOUNTAINS. SAY--WHO IS THAT GIRL?
THAT'S THE ONE AND ONLY BELLE DAZZLE, OUR LADY BLACKSMITH, AND GOOD SAMARITAN! WHY?
SHE CERTAINLY LOOKS ENOUGH LIKE WONDER WOMAN TO BE HER TWIN! WONDER WOMAN'S THE AMAZON WHO PERFORMS THE MOST SENSATIONAL STUNTS IN THE WORLD! YOU MUST'VE HEARD OF HER?
WONDER WOMAN...? NEVER HEARD OF HER. BUT EVERYONE IN THESE PARTS WOULD BET THEIR BOTTOM DOLLAR THAT OUR BELLE COULD BEAT ANYONE--AT ANY KIND OF CONTEST!
HMM--THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
THESE YOKELS EVIDENTLY NEVER HEARD OF WONDER WOMAN! THEY THINK THEIR BELLE DAZZLE IS UNBEATABLE! AND THEY HAVE SO MUCH FAITH IN HER THEY'D BE WILLING TO BET ON HER! HERE'S MY CHANCE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR IGNORANCE AND CLEAN THEM OUT--TAKE THEM FOR EVERY CENT THEY HAVE!
SO YOU THINK YOUR BELLE DAZZLE IS GREAT? WHY, I'LL BET ANYTHING YOU WANT THAT SHE WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST WONDER WOMAN!
BELLE'S OUR PRIDE AND JOY! I BELIEVE IN HER! AND I'LL BET MY BLACKSMITHY THAT SHE COULD BEAT THIS HERE WONDER WOMAN IN ANY CONTEST!
I'LL STAKE MY FARM ON BELLE!
AND MY STORE!
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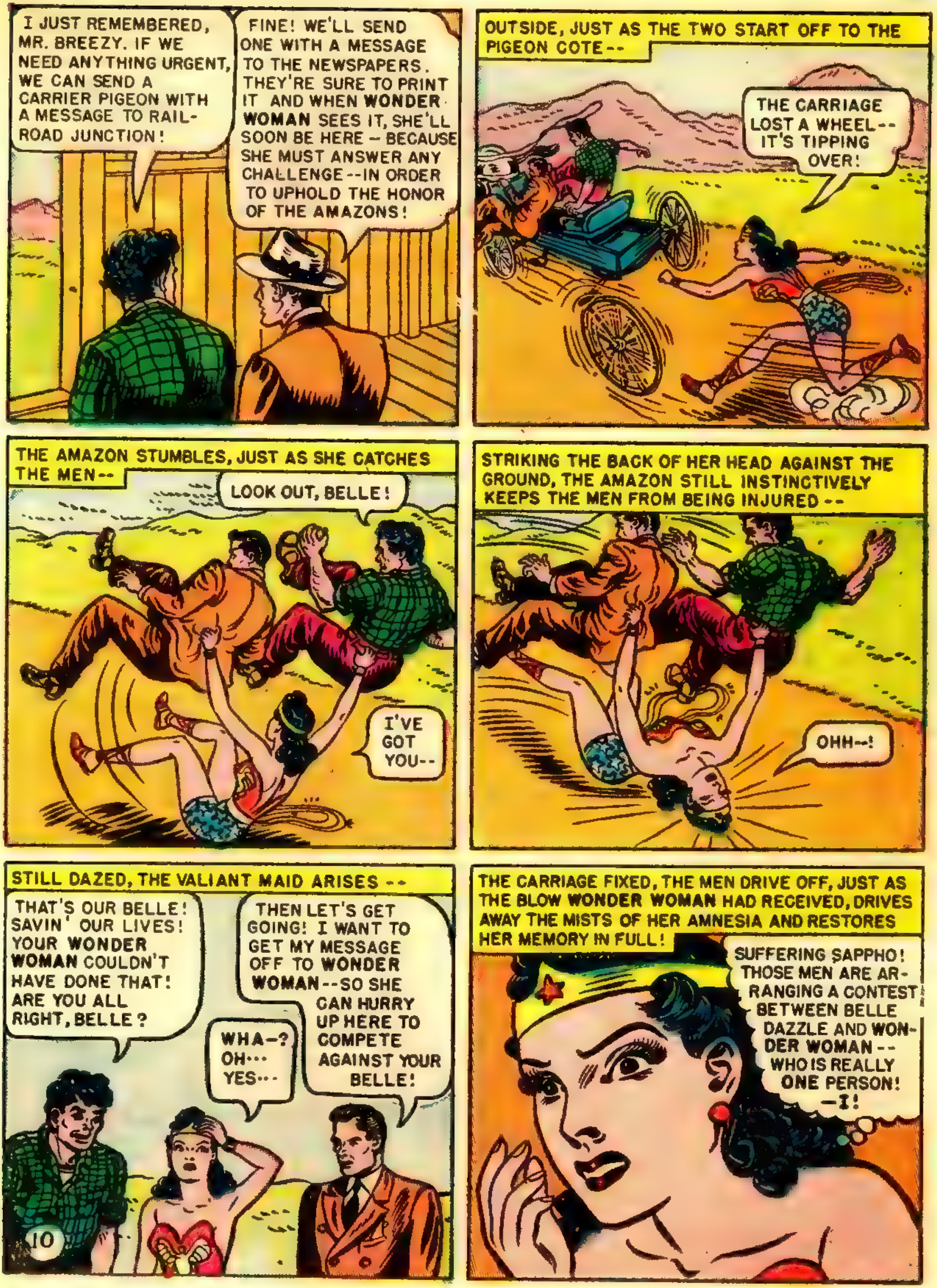
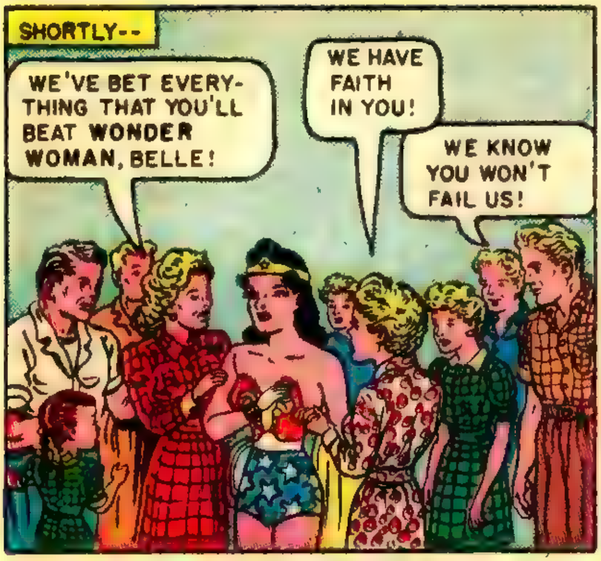
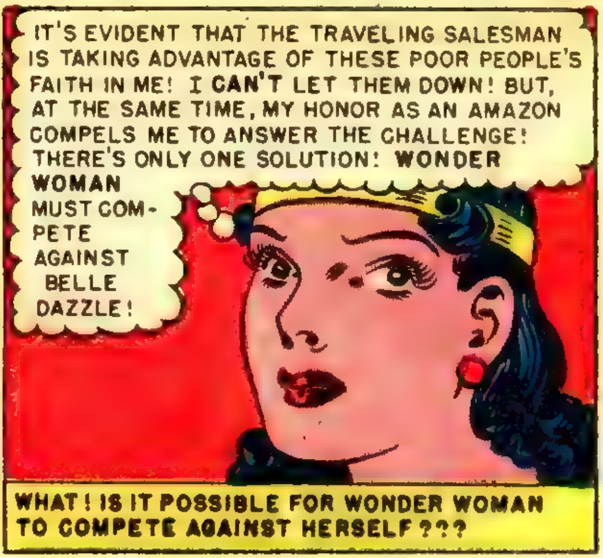
AFTER TAKING ALL BETS, THE TRAVELING SALESMAN INQUIRES ABOUT THE NEAREST TELEGRAPH OFFICE--
WE HAVEN'T GOT A TELEGRAPH OFFICE. NO TELEPHONE OR RAILROAD EITHER!
THEN HOW AM I GOING TO CONTACT WONDER WOMAN?
IS THIS STRANGE CONTEST OVER BEFORE IT IT HAS BEGUN?


I JUST REMEMBERED, MR. BREEZY. IF WE NEED ANYTHING URGENT, WE CAN SEND A CARRIER PIGEON WITH A MESSAGE TO RAILROAD JUNCTION!
FINE! WE'LL SEND ONE WITH A MESSAGE TO THE NEWSPAPERS. THEY'RE SURE TO PRINT IT AND WHEN WONDER WOMAN SEES IT, SHE'LL SOON BE HERE – BECAUSE SHE MUST ANSWER ANY CHALLENGE--IN ORDER TO UPHOLD THE HONOR OF THE AMAZONS!
OUTSIDE, JUST AS THE TWO START OFF TO THE PIGEON COTE--
THE CARRIAGE LOST A WHEEL-- IT'S TIPPING OVER!
THE AMAZON STUMBLES, JUST AS SHE CATCHES THE MEN--
LOOK OUT, BELLE!
I'VE GOT YOU--
STRIKING THE BACK OF HER HEAD AGAINST THE GROUND, THE AMAZON STILL INSTINCTIVELY KEEPS THE MEN FROM BEING INJURED--
OHH--!
STILL DAZED, THE VALIANT MAID ARISES--
THAT'S OUR BELLE! SAVIN' OUR LIVES! YOUR WONDER WOMAN COULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, BELLE?
THEN LET'S GET GOING! I WANT TO GET MY MESSAGE OFF TO WONDER WOMAN--SO SHE CAN HURRY UP HERE TO COMPETE AGAINST YOUR BELLE!
WHA--? OH··· YES···
THE CARRIAGE FIXED, THE MEN DRIVE OFF, JUST AS THE BLOW WONDER WOMAN HAD RECEIVED, DRIVES AWAY THE MISTS OF HER AMNESIA AND RESTORES HER MEMORY IN FULL!
SUFFERING SAPPHO! THOSE MEN ARE ARRANGING A CONTEST BETWEEN BELLE DAZZLE AND WONDER WOMAN-- WHO IS REALLY ONE PERSON! --I!



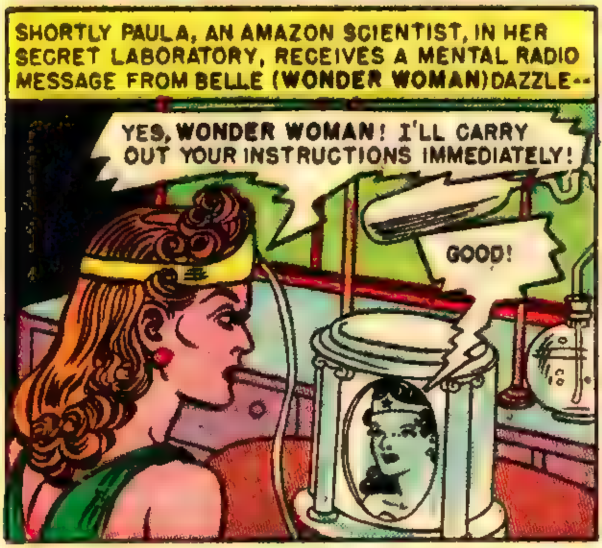
SHORTLY--

WE'VE BET EVERYTHING THAT YOU'LL BEAT WONDER WOMAN, BELLE!
WE HAVE FAITH IN YOU!
WE KNOW YOU WON'T FAIL US!



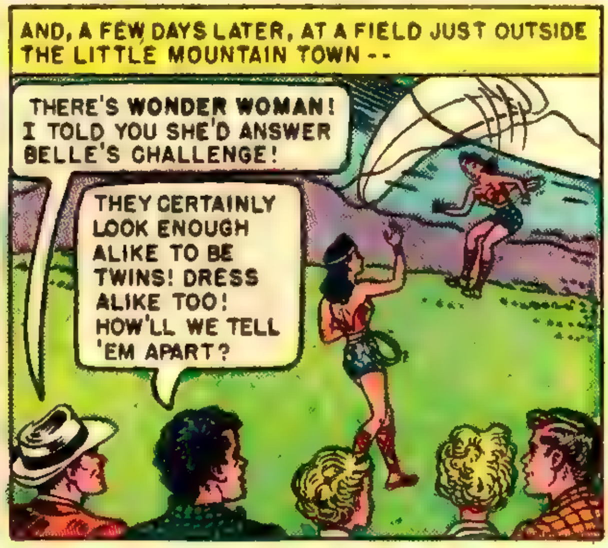
IT'S EVIDENT THAT THE TRAVELING SALESMAN IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THESE POOR PEOPLE'S FAITH IN ME! I CAN'T LET THEM DOWN! BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, MY HONOR AS AN AMAZON COMPELS ME TO ANSWER THE CHALLENGE! THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION: WONDER WOMAN MUST COMPETE AGAINST BELLE DAZZLE!

WHAT! IS IT POSSIBLE FOR WONDER WOMAN TO COMPETE AGAINST HERSELF???



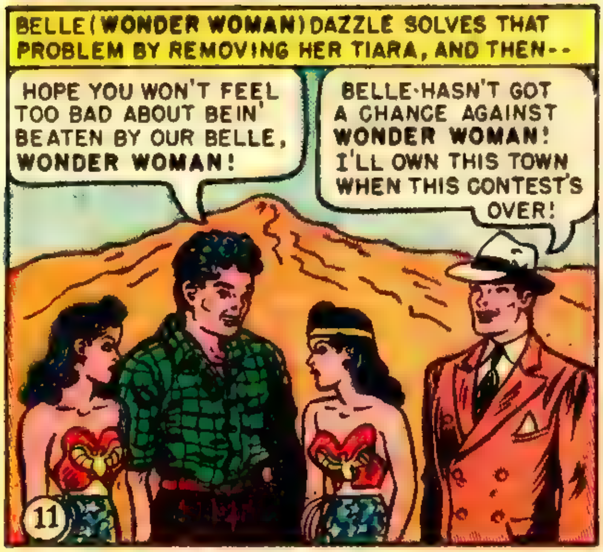
SHORTLY PAULA, AN AMAZON SCIENTIST, IN HER SECRET LABORATORY, RECEIVES A MENTAL RADIO MESSAGE FROM BELLE (WONDER WOMAN) DAZZLE--

YES, WONDER WOMAN! I'LL CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IMMEDIATELY!
GOOD!



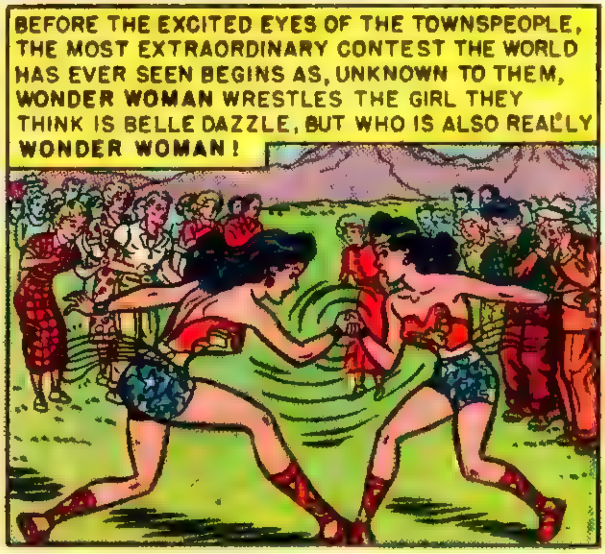
AND, A FEW DAYS LATER, AT A FIELD JUST OUTSIDE THE LITTLE MOUNTAIN TOWN--

THERE'S WONDER WOMAN! I TOLD YOU SHE'D ANSWER BELLE'S CHALLENGE!
THEY CERTAINLY LOOK ENOUGH ALIKE TO BE TWINS! DRESS ALIKE TOO! HOW'LL WE TELL 'EM APART?

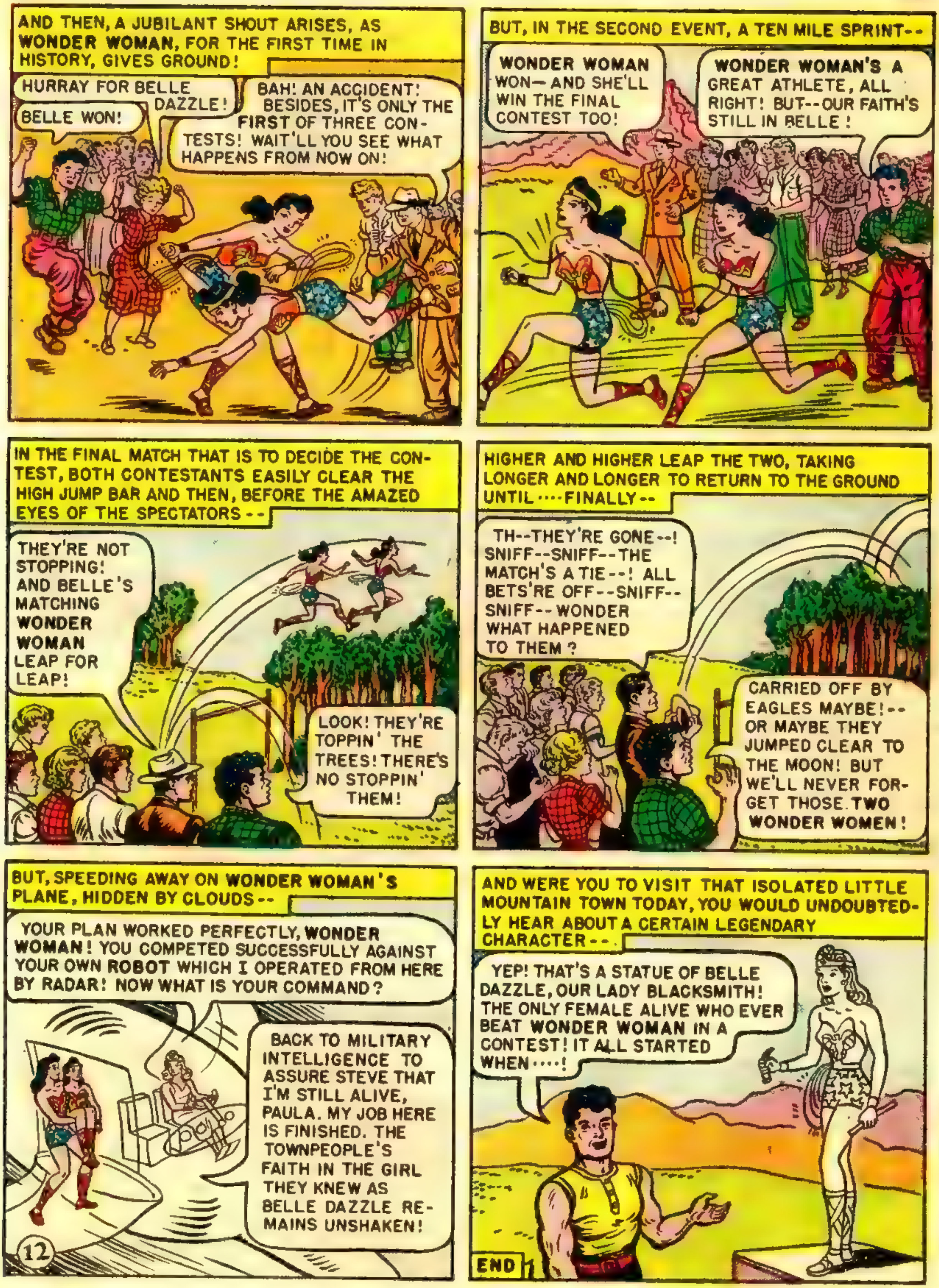


BELLE (WONDER WOMAN) DAZZLE SOLVES THAT PROBLEM BY REMOVING HER TIARA, AND THEN--

HOPE YOU WON'T FEEL TOO BAD ABOUT BEIN' BEATEN BY OUR BELLE, WONDER WOMAN!
BELLE HASN'T GOT A CHANCE AGAINST WONDER WOMAN! I'LL OWN THIS TOWN WHEN THIS CONTEST'S OVER!



BEFORE THE EXCITED EYES OF THE TOWNSPEOPLE, THE MOST EXTRAORDINARY CONTEST THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN BEGINS AS, UNKNOWN TO THEM, WONDER WOMAN WRESTLES THE GIRL THEY THINK IS BELLE DAZZLE, BUT WHO IS ALSO REALLY WONDER WOMAN!


AND THEN, A JUBILANT SHOUT ARISES, AS WONDER WOMAN, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, GIVES GROUND!
HURRAY FOR BELLE DAZZLE!
BELLE WON!
BAH! AN ACCIDENT! BESIDES, IT'S ONLY THE FIRST OF THREE CONTESTS! WAIT'LL YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENS FROM NOW ON!
BUT, IN THE SECOND EVENT, A TEN MILE SPRINT--
WONDER WOMAN WON— AND SHE'LL WIN THE FINAL CONTEST TOO!
WONDER WOMAN'S A GREAT ATHLETE, ALL RIGHT! BUT--OUR FAITH'S STILL IN BELLE!
IN THE FINAL MATCH THAT IS TO DECIDE THE CONTEST, BOTH CONTESTANTS EASILY CLEAR THE HIGH JUMP BAR AND THEN, BEFORE THE AMAZED EYES OF THE SPECTATORS--
THEY'RE NOT STOPPING! AND BELLE'S MATCHING WONDER WOMAN LEAP FOR LEAP!
LOOK! THEY'RE TOPPIN' THE TREES! THERE'S NO STOPPIN' THEM!
HIGHER AND HIGHER LEAP THE TWO, TAKING LONGER AND LONGER TO RETURN TO THE GROUND UNTIL....FINALLY--
TH--THEY'RE GONE--! SNIFF--SNIFF--THE MATCH'S A TIE--! ALL BETS'RE OFF--SNIFF--SNIFF--WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?
CARRIED OFF BY EAGLES MAYBE!--OR MAYBE THEY JUMPED CLEAR TO THE MOON! BUT WE'LL NEVER FORGET THOSE TWO WONDER WOMEN!
BUT, SPEEDING AWAY ON WONDER WOMAN'S PLANE, HIDDEN BY CLOUDS--
YOUR PLAN WORKED PERFECTLY, WONDER WOMAN! YOU COMPETED SUCCESSFULLY AGAINST YOUR OWN ROBOT WHICH I OPERATED FROM HERE BY RADAR! NOW WHAT IS YOUR COMMAND?
BACK TO MILITARY INTELLIGENCE TO ASSURE STEVE THAT I'M STILL ALIVE, PAULA. MY JOB HERE IS FINISHED. THE TOWNPEOPLE'S FAITH IN THE GIRL THEY KNEW AS BELLE DAZZLE REMAINS UNSHAKEN!
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AND WERE YOU TO VISIT THAT ISOLATED LITTLE MOUNTAIN TOWN TODAY, YOU WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HEAR ABOUT A CERTAIN LEGENDARY CHARACTER--
YEP! THAT'S A STATUE OF BELLE DAZZLE, OUR LADY BLACKSMITH! THE ONLY FEMALE ALIVE WHO EVER BEAT WONDER WOMAN IN A CONTEST! IT ALL STARTED WHEN....!
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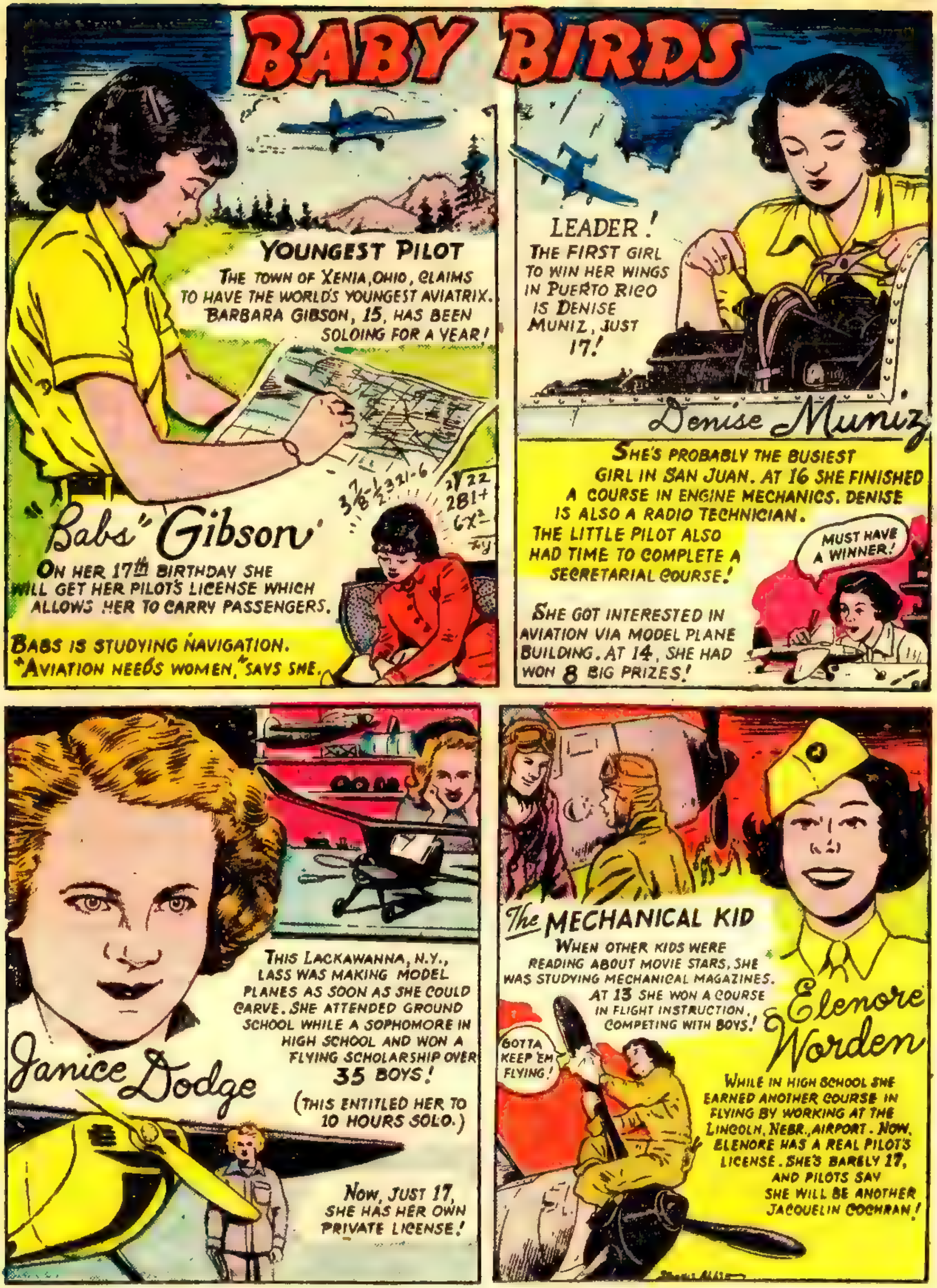
BABY BIRDS
YOUNGEST PILOT
THE TOWN OF XENIA, OHIO, CLAIMS TO HAVE THE WORLD'S YOUNGEST AVIATRIX. BARBARA GIBSON, 15, HAS BEEN SOLOING FOR A YEAR!
"Babs" Gibson
ON HER 17th BIRTHDAY SHE WILL GET HER PILOT'S LICENSE WHICH ALLOWS HER TO CARRY PASSENGERS.
BABS IS STUDYING NAVIGATION. "AVIATION NEEDS WOMEN," SAYS SHE.
LEADER!
THE FIRST GIRL TO WIN HER WINGS IN PUERTO RICO IS DENISE MUNIZ, JUST 17!
Denise Muniz
SHE'S PROBABLY THE BUSIEST GIRL IN SAN JUAN. AT 16 SHE FINISHED A COURSE IN ENGINE MECHANICS. DENISE IS ALSO A RADIO TECHNICIAN.
THE LITTLE PILOT ALSO HAD TIME TO COMPLETE A SECRETARIAL COURSE!
MUST HAVE A WINNER!
SHE GOT INTERESTED IN AVIATION VIA MODEL PLANE BUILDING. AT 14, SHE HAD WON 8 BIG PRIZES!
THIS LACKAWANNA, N.Y., LASS WAS MAKING MODEL PLANES AS SOON AS SHE COULD CARVE. SHE ATTENDED GROUND SCHOOL WHILE A SOPHOMORE IN HIGH SCHOOL AND WON A FLYING SCHOLARSHIP OVER 35 BOYS!
(THIS ENTITLED HER TO 10 HOURS SOLO.)
Janice Dodge
NOW, JUST 17, SHE HAS HER OWN PRIVATE LICENSE!
The MECHANICAL KID
WHEN OTHER KIDS WERE READING ABOUT MOVIE STARS, SHE WAS STUDYING MECHANICAL MAGAZINES. AT 13 SHE WON A COURSE IN FLIGHT INSTRUCTION, COMPETING WITH BOYS!
GOTTA KEEP 'EM FLYING!
Elenore Worden
WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL SHE EARNED ANOTHER COURSE IN FLYING BY WORKING AT THE LINCOLN, NEBR., AIRPORT. NOW, ELENORE HAS A REAL PILOT'S LICENSE. SHE'S BARELY 17, AND PILOTS SAY SHE WILL BE ANOTHER JACQUELIN COCHRAN!

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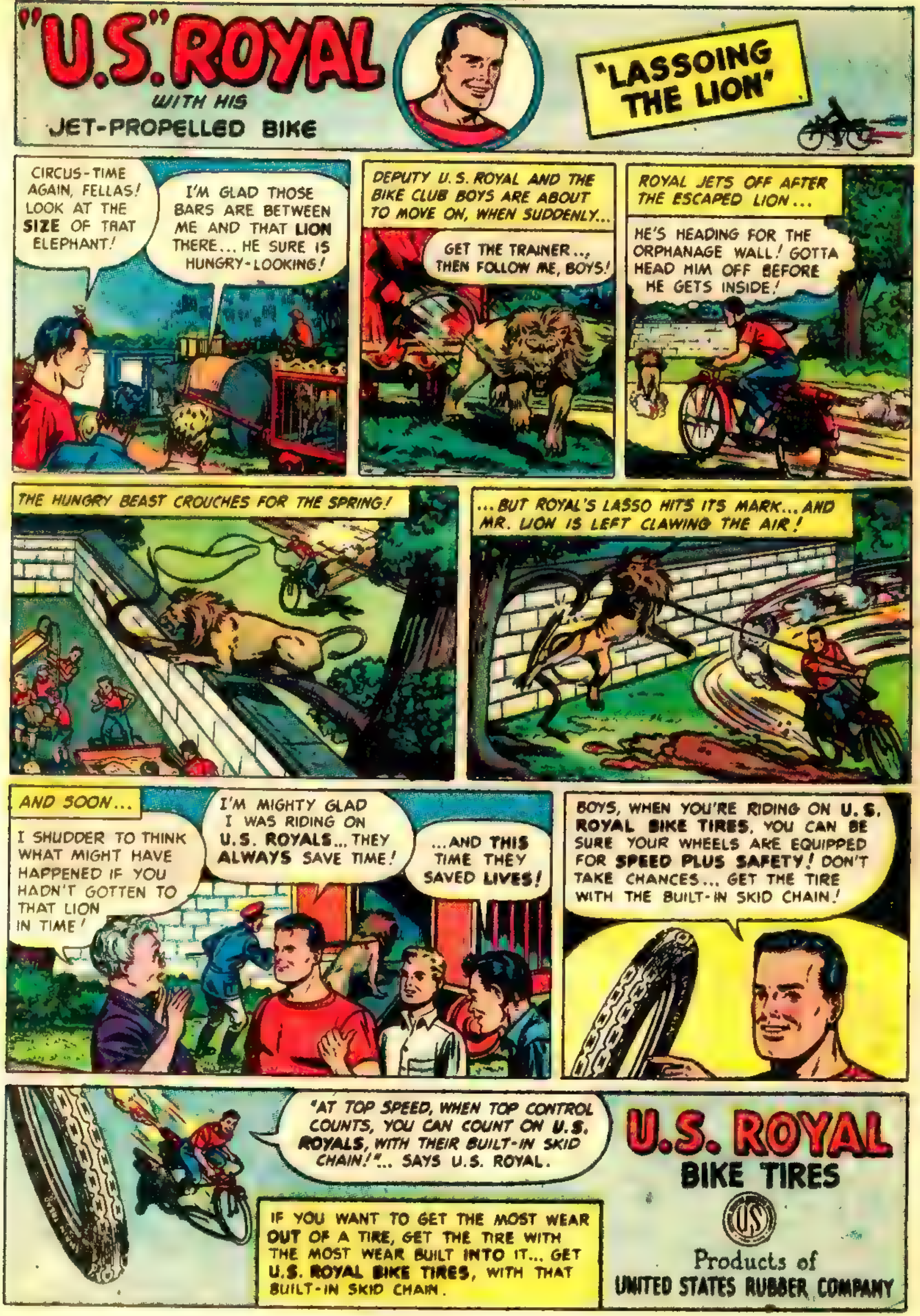
"U.S." ROYAL
WITH HIS
JET-PROPELLED BIKE
"LASSOING THE LION"
CIRCUS-TIME AGAIN, FELLAS! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT ELEPHANT!
I'M GLAD THOSE BARS ARE BETWEEN ME AND THAT LION THERE... HE SURE IS HUNGRY-LOOKING!
DEPUTY U.S. ROYAL AND THE BIKE CLUB BOYS ARE ABOUT TO MOVE ON, WHEN SUDDENLY...
GET THE TRAINER..., THEN FOLLOW ME, BOYS!
ROYAL JETS OFF AFTER THE ESCAPED LION...
HE'S HEADING FOR THE ORPHANAGE WALL! GOTTA HEAD HIM OFF BEFORE HE GETS INSIDE!
THE HUNGRY BEAST CROUCHES FOR THE SPRING!
...BUT ROYAL'S LASSO HITS ITS MARK... AND MR. LION IS LEFT CLAWING THE AIR!
AND SOON...
I SHUDDER TO THINK WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU HADN'T GOTTEN TO THAT LION IN TIME!
I'M MIGHTY GLAD I WAS RIDING ON U.S. ROYALS... THEY ALWAYS SAVE TIME!
...AND THIS TIME THEY SAVED LIVES!
BOYS, WHEN YOU'RE RIDING ON U.S. ROYAL BIKE TIRES, YOU CAN BE SURE YOUR WHEELS ARE EQUIPPED FOR SPEED PLUS SAFETY! DON'T TAKE CHANCES... GET THE TIRE WITH THE BUILT-IN SKID CHAIN!
"AT TOP SPEED, WHEN TOP CONTROL COUNTS, YOU CAN COUNT ON U.S. ROYALS, WITH THEIR BUILT-IN SKID CHAIN!"... SAYS U.S. ROYAL.
IF YOU WANT TO GET THE MOST WEAR OUT OF A TIRE, GET THE TIRE WITH THE MOST WEAR BUILT INTO IT... GET U.S. ROYAL BIKE TIRES, WITH THAT BUILT-IN SKID CHAIN.
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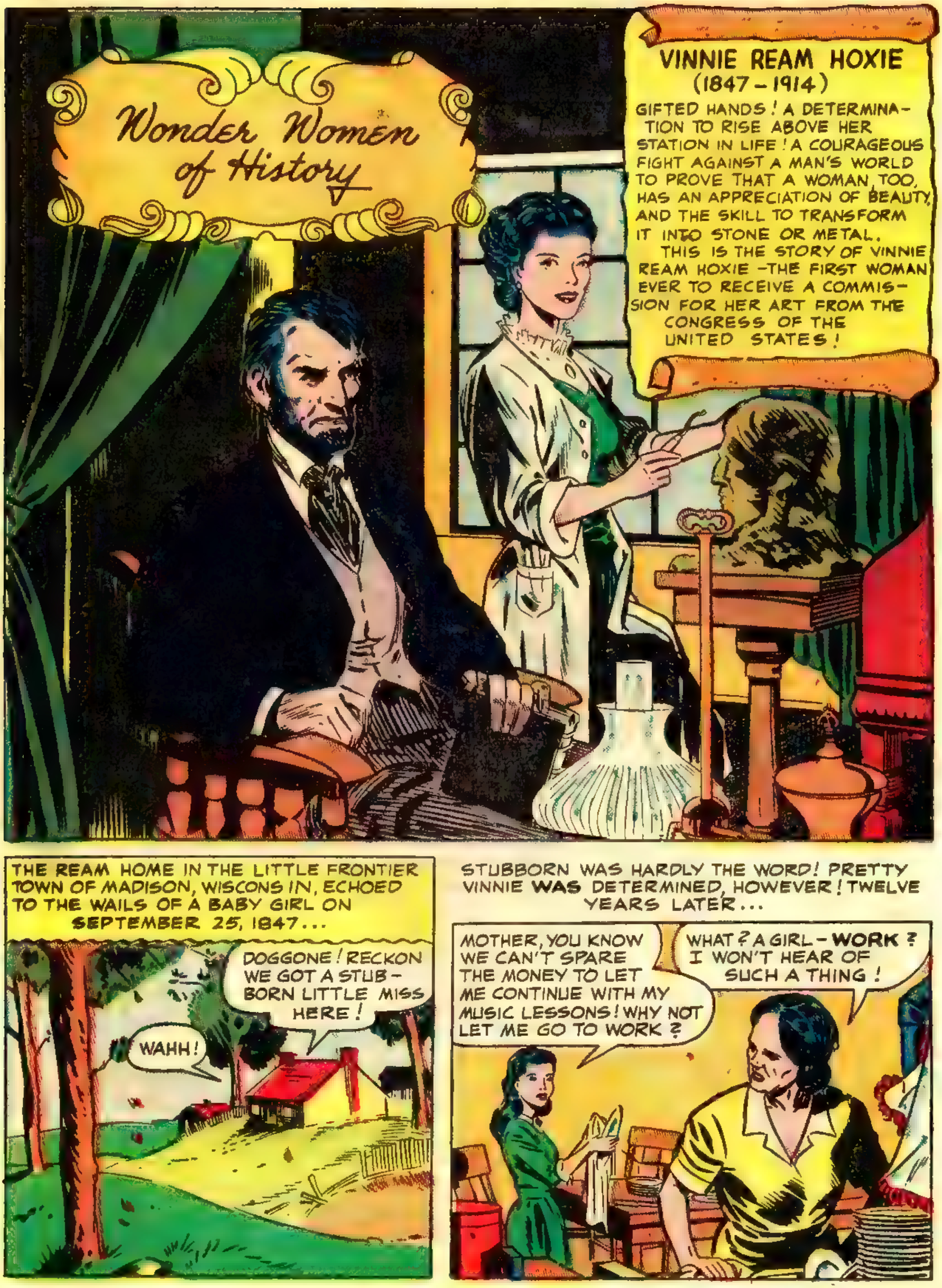


Wonder Women of History

VINNIE REAM HOXIE (1847 – 1914)

GIFTED HANDS! A DETERMINATION TO RISE ABOVE HER STATION IN LIFE! A COURAGEOUS FIGHT AGAINST A MAN'S WORLD TO PROVE THAT A WOMAN, TOO, HAS AN APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY AND THE SKILL TO TRANSFORM IT INTO STONE OR METAL.

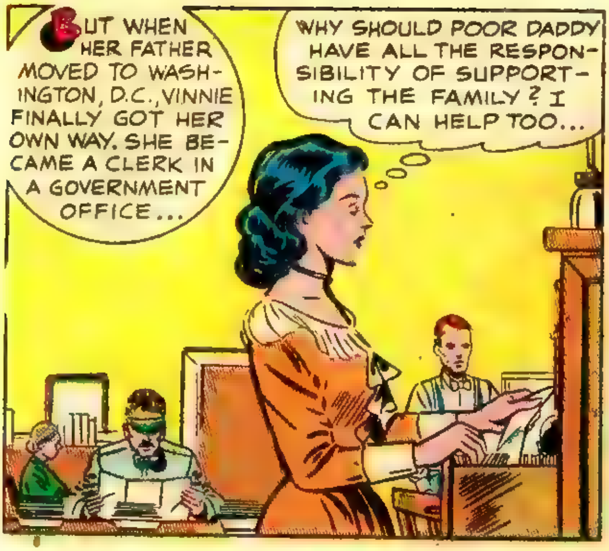
THIS IS THE STORY OF VINNIE REAM HOXIE – THE FIRST WOMAN EVER TO RECEIVE A COMMISSION FOR HER ART FROM THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES!

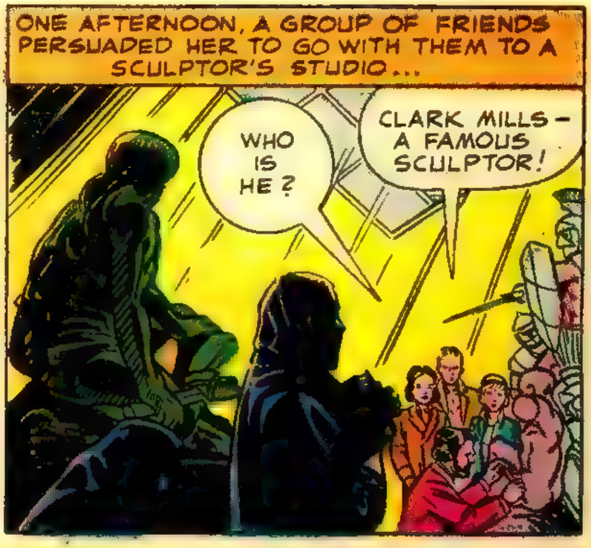
THE REAM HOME IN THE LITTLE FRONTIER TOWN OF MADISON, WISCONSIN, ECHOED TO THE WAILS OF A BABY GIRL ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1847...

DOGGONE! RECKON WE GOT A STUBBORN LITTLE MISS HERE!
WAHH!

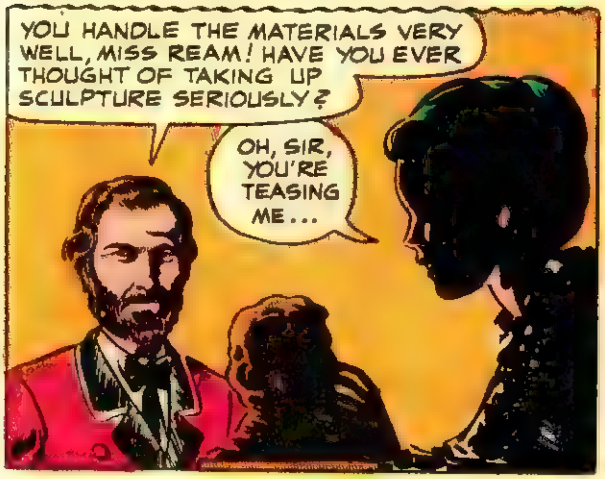
STUBBORN WAS HARDLY THE WORD! PRETTY VINNIE **WAS** DETERMINED, HOWEVER! TWELVE YEARS LATER...

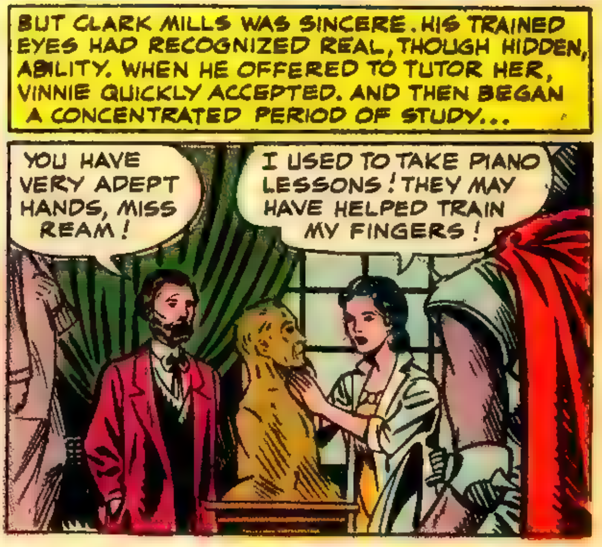
MOTHER, YOU KNOW WE CAN'T SPARE THE MONEY TO LET ME CONTINUE WITH MY MUSIC LESSONS! WHY NOT LET ME GO TO WORK?
WHAT? A GIRL – **WORK**? I WON'T HEAR OF SUCH A THING!

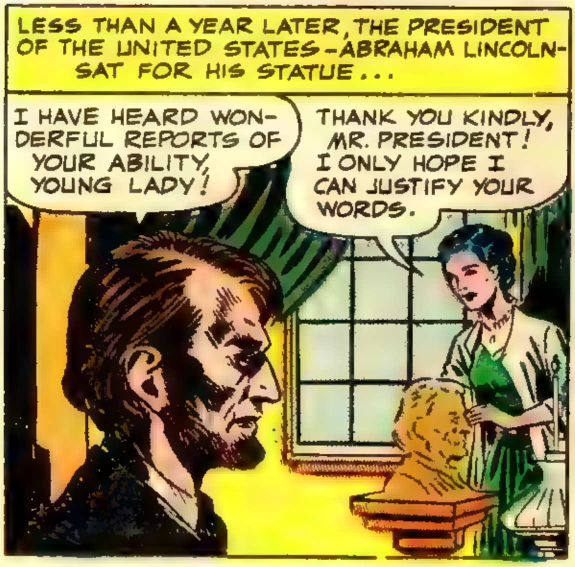

BUT WHEN HER FATHER MOVED TO WASHINGTON, D.C., VINNIE FINALLY GOT HER OWN WAY. SHE BECAME A CLERK IN A GOVERNMENT OFFICE...
WHY SHOULD POOR DADDY HAVE ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY OF SUPPORTING THE FAMILY? I CAN HELP TOO...


ONE AFTERNOON, A GROUP OF FRIENDS PERSUADED HER TO GO WITH THEM TO A SCULPTOR'S STUDIO...
WHO IS HE?
CLARK MILLS – A FAMOUS SCULPTOR!

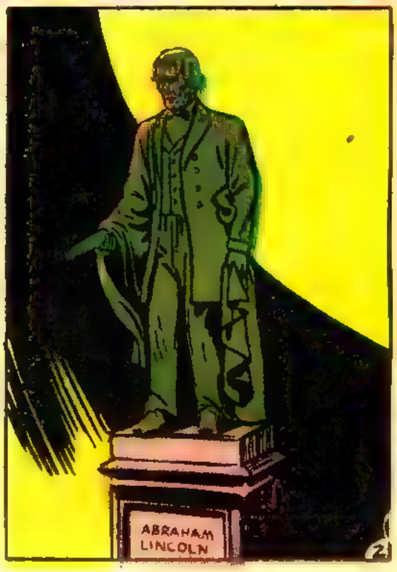
JOKINGLY, HER FRIENDS TOLD VINNIE TO TRY HER SKILL WITH THE SOFT CLAY...


YOU HANDLE THE MATERIALS VERY WELL, MISS REAM! HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF TAKING UP SCULPTURE SERIOUSLY?
OH, SIR, YOU'RE TEASING ME...

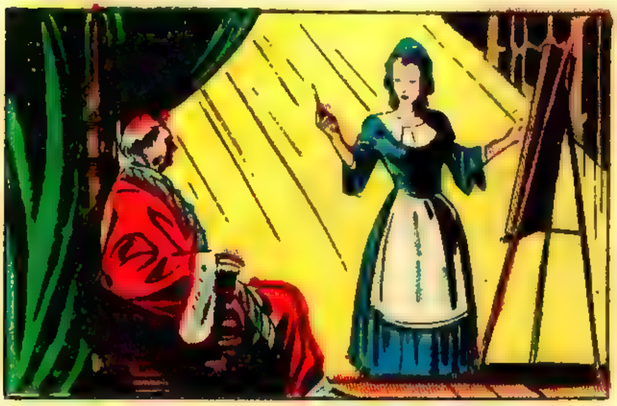

BUT CLARK MILLS WAS SINCERE. HIS TRAINED EYES HAD RECOGNIZED REAL, THOUGH HIDDEN, ABILITY. WHEN HE OFFERED TO TUTOR HER, VINNIE QUICKLY ACCEPTED. AND THEN BEGAN A CONCENTRATED PERIOD OF STUDY...
YOU HAVE VERY ADEPT HANDS, MISS REAM!
I USED TO TAKE PIANO LESSONS! THEY MAY HAVE HELPED TRAIN MY FINGERS!


LESS THAN A YEAR LATER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES – ABRAHAM LINCOLN – SAT FOR HIS STATUE...
I HAVE HEARD WONDERFUL REPORTS OF YOUR ABILITY, YOUNG LADY!
THANK YOU KINDLY, MR. PRESIDENT! I ONLY HOPE I CAN JUSTIFY YOUR WORDS.

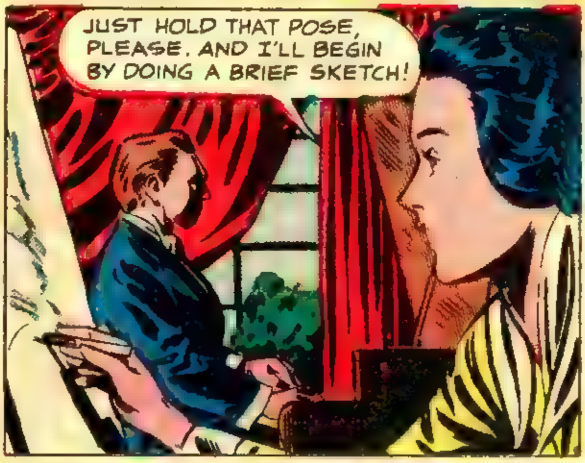
ON AUGUST 30, 1886, THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES COMMISSIONED VINNIE TO DO A FULL-LENGTH STATUE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN... THE SAME ONE THAT SITS TODAY IN THE MARBLE ROTUNDA OF THE CAPITOL!


ABRAHAM LINCOLN

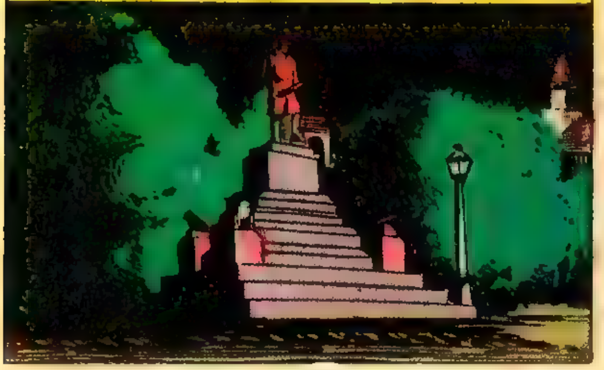
VINNIE REAM WAS THE FIRST WOMAN COMMISSIONED TO DO SCULPTURING FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. NOW, WITH A LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF STATE SEWARD, SHE WENT TO ROME TO DO A LIKENESS OF CARDINAL ANTONELLI....



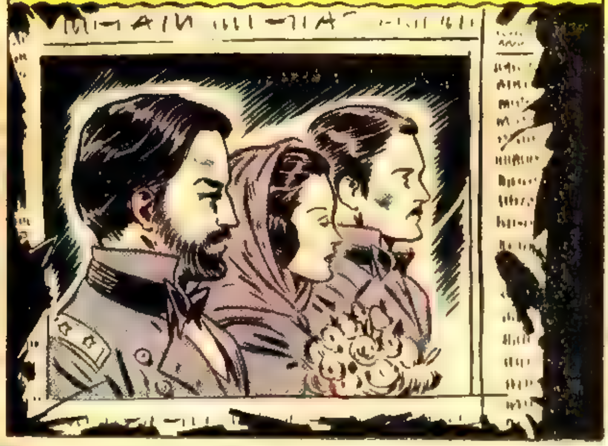
FROM ROME, VINNIE WENT TO PARIS, WHERE THE PIANIST, FRANZ LIZT, SAT FOR HIS BUST IN STONE...


JUST HOLD THAT POSE, PLEASE. AND I'LL BEGIN BY DOING A BRIEF SKETCH!

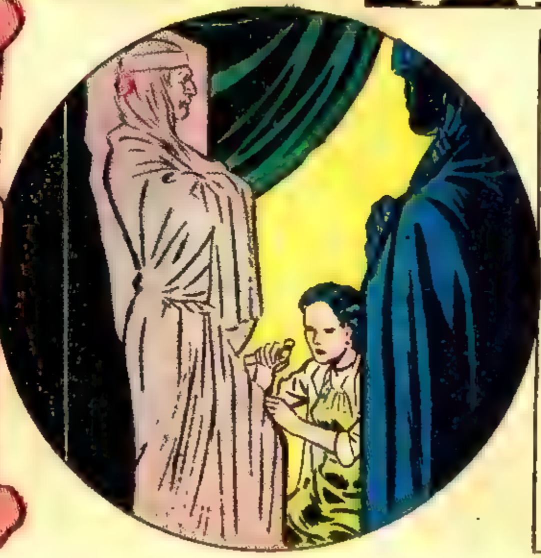
BACK HOME AGAIN, VINNIE CONTRACTED TO DO A STATUE OF THE CIVIL WAR HERO, ADMIRAL FARRAGUT. THE METAL USED FOR THIS STATUE WAS OBTAINED FROM HIS FLAGSHIP'S PROPELLER. THE STATUE NOW STANDS IN FARRAGUT SQUARE, WASHINGTON, D.C.



IN 1878, MISS REAM WAS MARRIED TO LT. RICHARD HOXIE, AN ENGINEER IN THE U.S. ARMY. GENERAL SHERMAN, A HERO OF THE CIVIL WAR, GAVE HER AWAY...



ALWAYS POPULAR AND VIVACIOUS, VINNIE REAM HOXIE RETIRED FROM HER ART TO BECOME A FAMED HOSTESS IN WASHINGTON SOCIETY. BUT SHE WAS CALLED OUT OF RETIREMENT TO DO A STATUE OF SEQUOYAH, A CHEROKEE WHO INVENTED AN INDIAN ALPHABET...



AMONG HER MOST FAMOUS PIECES OF SCULPTURE WERE "SAPPO", "THE WEST" AND "INDIAN GIRL". AN INTIMATE OF THE GREAT AND THE NEAR-GREAT, SHE CHARMED ALL BY HER SWEETNESS AND GRACE.

BUT BECAUSE OF HER DETERMINATION AND COURAGE IN THE FACE OF EARLY OBSTACLES, THE WORLD SALUTES HER AS A TRUE WONDER WOMAN OF HISTORY!

Diana Prince

(WONDER WOMAN)

WHERE'D YOU GET THAT HAT?

OF all the countless styles of headdress that mankind has dreamed up for itself through the centuries, few can match the natural artistry, stunning beauty, or even the complete ugliness of the head adornments displayed by many of our primitive ancestors.

Right here, in North America, one of the most impressive and unique forms of headdress was devised by the Indians. While familiarly called the "war bonnet," it was seldom worn during tribal warfares. Not only was it too cumbersome to carry atop the head, but the bright display of feathers singled out the Indian brave as a sure target for his enemy. Rather, the showy, feathered bonnet was worn during tribal ceremonies and dance festivals.

The Indian war bonnet was by no means a haphazard array of feathers, strung together for mere pictorial effect. Each individual feather and each tuft of horsehair at the tip of the feather represented some outstanding heroic deed, on the part of the wearer. The more feathers the Indian wore on his bonnet, the more highly he was regarded as a hero by the members of his tribe. A bonnet with a hundred or more feathers extending in a double tail down the back to the heels, commanded as much respect among the early North American Indians, as a many-medalled soldier does among us.

Unfortunately, the modern Indian war bonnet has lost a good deal of esteem, and has sunk to a strictly commercial level. In the heyday of the Redman, the brave warrior took great pride in his collection of feathers, for he had to strip them from an eagle which he captured alive. But now the excitement of the eagle hunt is a thing of the past, for most modern Indians are quite satisfied to acquire their eagle feathers in the simplest way possible—usually by purchasing them from some store on the reservation.

Similar to the war bonnet originated by the western Indians of North America, was the headdress worn by the Tehuana Indian women of Mexico. But instead of feathers, the Tehuana women preferred to use cotton cloth, filled and pleated. Remarkably enough, about this time in Europe, French Alsace women used to don a similar form of headdress, although in their version, it didn't extend down the back as it did in the Mexican Indian bonnet.

As has been indicated, feathers played the stellar role in embellishing the various types of head adornments. While eagles were generally the favorite source of feather supply for the North American Indians, the plumage of hawks, owls, and turkeys were widely used also. In South America, the natives obtained brilliantly colored feathers from parrots, macaws, and similar attractive tropical birds. Many of the South American hat styles had long tails composed entirely of skins and feathers of gorgeously plumaged birds.

There were as great a variety of South American millinery styles as there were tribes scattered over the continent. Each tribe vied with one another in improvising a distinctive headdress that would outrival all others. The *Chokoi* Indians of southern Panama, and northern Columbia, displayed unique crowns that had the appearance of ordinary feathers. But surprisingly, a close examination would reveal that the "feathers" were actually thin plumes of *wood*, shaped and painted in the form of feathers!

Even more startling were the feathered adornments displayed by the *Aymara* Indians of Peru and Bolivia. Starting out in conventional South American crown form, shaped of brightly colored feathers, the Aymarans imparted an air of distinction to their headdress, by topping them off with enormous plumes. This stunning effect was accomplished by splicing together the long tail feathers of macaws until the built-up plumes were six to eight feet in height. It was not to be expected that this giant adornment was part of the daily get-up of the Aymarans—it was reserved only for important ceremonial dances. We can imagine that the tall feathers, bobbing up and down in time to the rhythmic music, must have presented an awesome and spectacular sight.

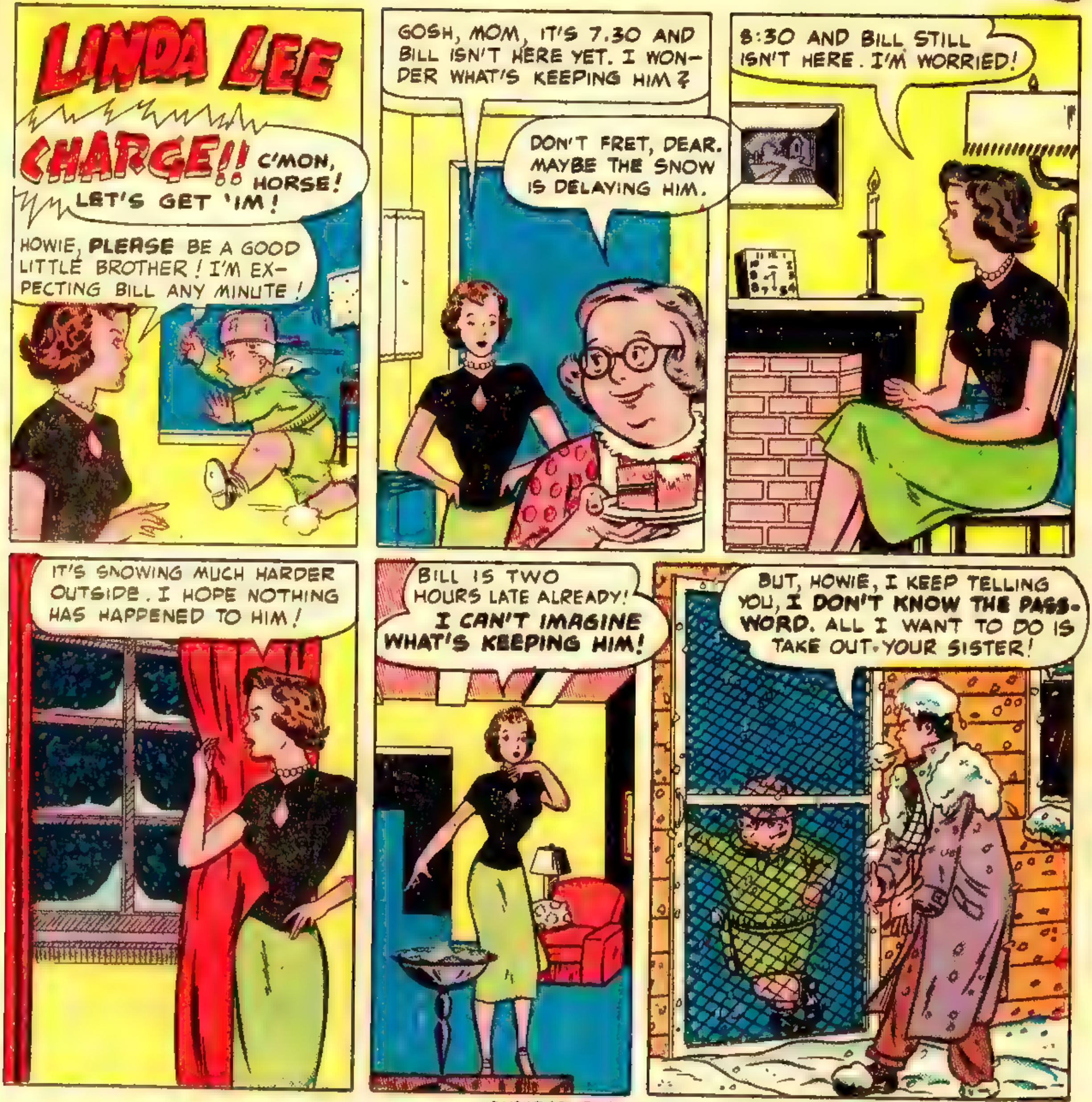
Impressive as the enormous Aymaran bonnets were, they must take a back seat when matched with the giant "hats" worn by a number of African tribes—such as the *Kavirondos* of Kenya, who sported tower-like structures of spires topped with extraordinary plumes. Black and white ostrich plumes, lumped into a huge mass that swayed with every motion, were the pride and joy of some of the *Zulus* of South Africa. Kaffir rickshaw "boys" of Durban and other South African cities could easily be identified by the polished horns of steers which jutted out of their picturesque feathered headdress.

As we look in on the inhabitants of the Samoan Islands, we find that in their head adornments they preferred the exotic mixed with beauty. Here were lumped together such strange assortments as bright feathers, bleached human hair, mother-of-pearl, seashells, and brilliant flowers. The village belles went the men one step further, by adding to their array, small, scintillating mirrors and shiny beetle wings.

In describing each passing type of headdress, we have tended to picture them as growing more and more outlandish in design. But probably nothing can top the creation displayed by the *Papuan* tribe of New Guinea, where adornments perched atop the head are even taller than the warriors who wear them. This staggering height is achieved by combining the brilliant feathers plucked from such birds as cockatoos, lories, and birds of paradise, along with plumes of cassowaries, pheasants and other birds with strikingly colored feathers.

It is not surprising to learn that native women throughout the world have come up with ingenious hat styles that relegate most male headdress far into the background. There is nothing to match the odd, pagoda-like, metal-covered hats worn by women dancers in Siam, Bali, and Java. The Bedouin women of South Palestine take their dowry of coins, string them together, and wear them as veils, in true Moslem style. The coins hang in close strings from the middle of the forehead, down over the center of the face, with the lower end of the strings fastened upon the shoulders of the robe.

In this brief survey of unique headdress worn around the world, we have seen that there are few limits to the shapes and designs that the human mind can devise. It is not important that these head adornments impress one as being beautiful or ugly, that they are highly decorative, or merely comfortable or useful to the wearer. As long as one's neighbor deems it necessary and stylish to parade about in a hat, it is certain that there will be someone close by who will try to come up with a bigger, more fashionable, and more outlandish object to perch upon his head.


LINDA LEE
CHARGE!! C'MON, HORSE! LET'S GET 'IM!
HOWIE, PLEASE BE A GOOD LITTLE BROTHER! I'M EXPECTING BILL ANY MINUTE!
GOSH, MOM, IT'S 7.30 AND BILL ISN'T HERE YET. I WONDER WHAT'S KEEPING HIM?
DON'T FRET, DEAR. MAYBE THE SNOW IS DELAYING HIM.
8:30 AND BILL STILL ISN'T HERE. I'M WORRIED!
IT'S SNOWING MUCH HARDER OUTSIDE. I HOPE NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO HIM!
BILL IS TWO HOURS LATE ALREADY! I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT'S KEEPING HIM!
BUT, HOWIE, I KEEP TELLING YOU, I DON'T KNOW THE PASSWORD. ALL I WANT TO DO IS TAKE OUT YOUR SISTER!

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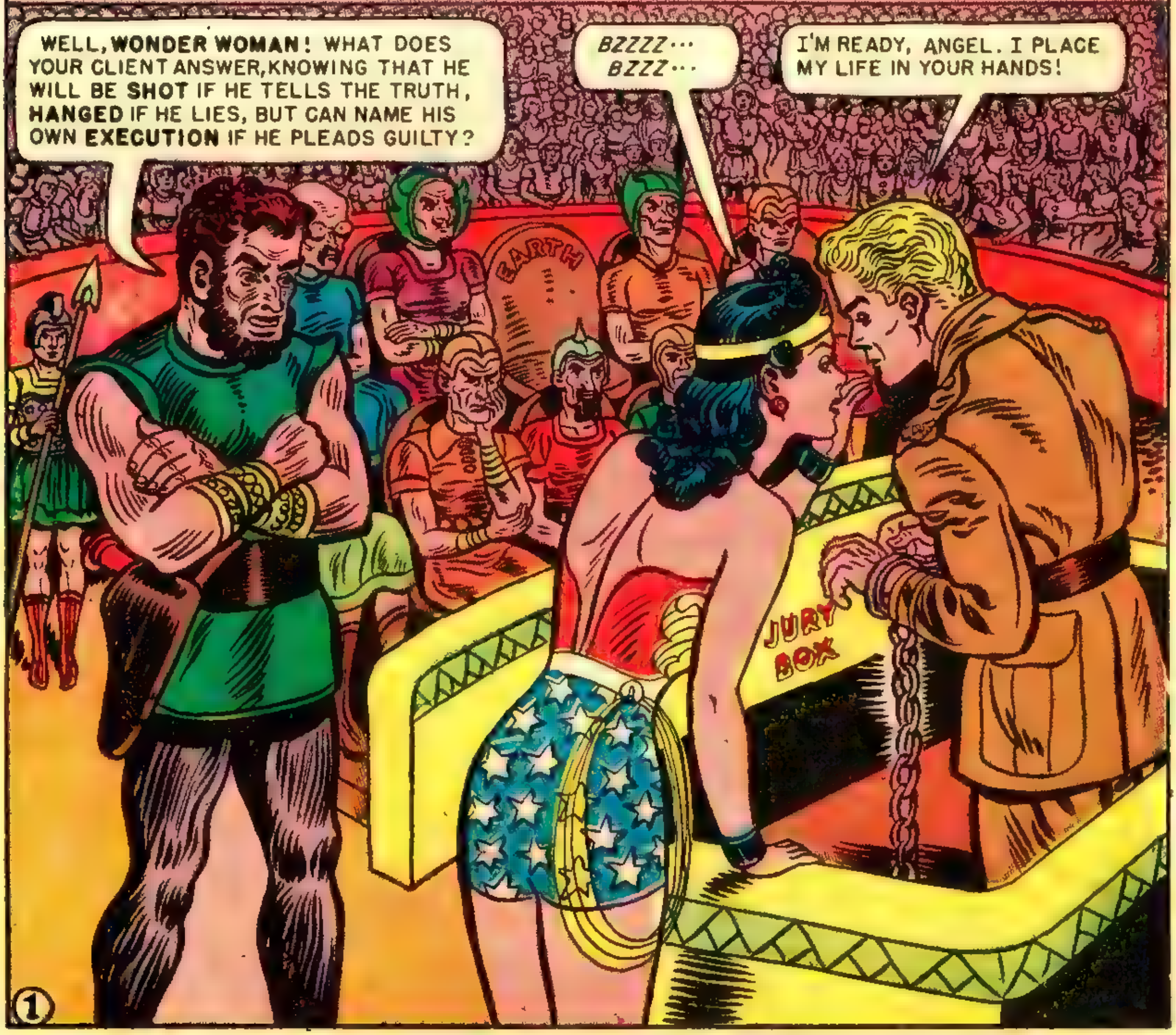
"THE TRIAL OF STEVE TREVOR!"


WELL, **WONDER WOMAN**! WHAT DOES YOUR CLIENT ANSWER, KNOWING THAT HE WILL BE **SHOT** IF HE TELLS THE TRUTH, **HANGED** IF HE LIES, BUT CAN NAME HIS OWN **EXECUTION** IF HE PLEADS GUILTY?
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I'M READY, ANGEL. I PLACE MY LIFE IN YOUR HANDS!
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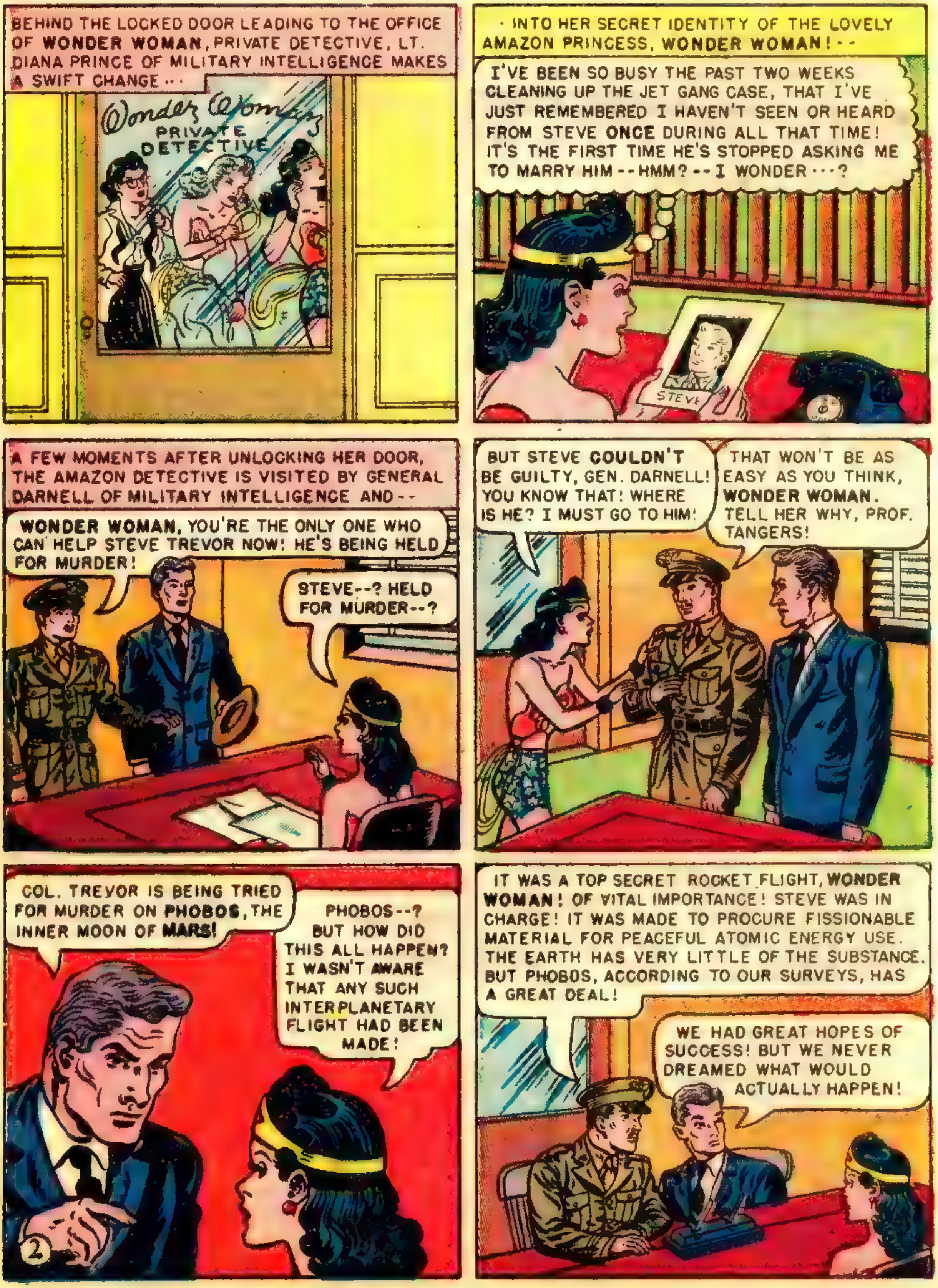
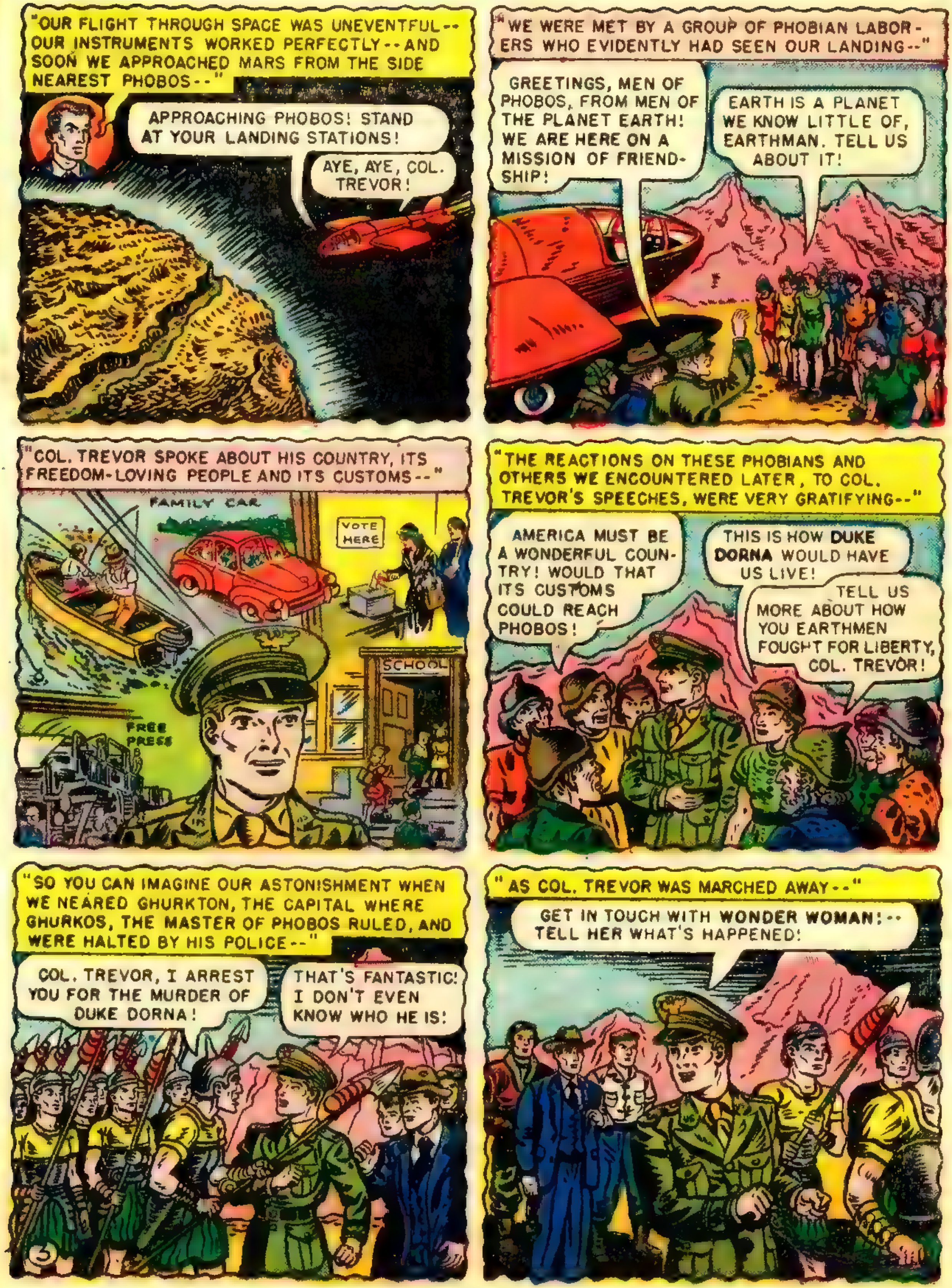

BEHIND THE LOCKED DOOR LEADING TO THE OFFICE OF **WONDER WOMAN**, PRIVATE DETECTIVE, LT. DIANA PRINCE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE MAKES A SWIFT CHANGE . . .
Wonder Woman PRIVATE DETECTIVE
. INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF THE LOVELY AMAZON PRINCESS, **WONDER WOMAN**! - -
I'VE BEEN SO BUSY THE PAST TWO WEEKS CLEANING UP THE JET GANG CASE, THAT I'VE JUST REMEMBERED I HAVEN'T SEEN OR HEARD FROM STEVE **ONCE** DURING ALL THAT TIME! IT'S THE FIRST TIME HE'S STOPPED ASKING ME TO MARRY HIM - - HMM? - - I WONDER . . . ?
STEVE
A FEW MOMENTS AFTER UNLOCKING HER DOOR, THE AMAZON DETECTIVE IS VISITED BY GENERAL DARNELL OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND - -
WONDER WOMAN, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP STEVE TREVOR NOW! HE'S BEING HELD FOR MURDER!
STEVE - - ? HELD FOR MURDER - - ?
BUT STEVE **COULDN'T** BE GUILTY, GEN. DARNELL! YOU KNOW THAT! WHERE IS HE? I MUST GO TO HIM!
THAT WON'T BE AS EASY AS YOU THINK, **WONDER WOMAN**. TELL HER WHY, PROF. TANGERS!
COL. TREVOR IS BEING TRIED FOR MURDER ON **PHOBOS**, THE INNER MOON OF **MARS**!
PHOBOS - - ? BUT HOW DID THIS ALL HAPPEN? I WASN'T AWARE THAT ANY SUCH INTERPLANETARY FLIGHT HAD BEEN MADE!
IT WAS A TOP SECRET ROCKET FLIGHT, **WONDER WOMAN**! OF VITAL IMPORTANCE! STEVE WAS IN CHARGE! IT WAS MADE TO PROCURE FISSIONABLE MATERIAL FOR PEACEFUL ATOMIC ENERGY USE. THE EARTH HAS VERY LITTLE OF THE SUBSTANCE. BUT PHOBOS, ACCORDING TO OUR SURVEYS, HAS A GREAT DEAL!
WE HAD GREAT HOPES OF SUCCESS! BUT WE NEVER DREAMED WHAT WOULD ACTUALLY HAPPEN!


"OUR FLIGHT THROUGH SPACE WAS UNEVENTFUL-- OUR INSTRUMENTS WORKED PERFECTLY--AND SOON WE APPROACHED MARS FROM THE SIDE NEAREST PHOBOS--"
APPROACHING PHOBOS! STAND AT YOUR LANDING STATIONS!
AYE, AYE, COL. TREVOR!
"WE WERE MET BY A GROUP OF PHOBIAN LABORERS WHO EVIDENTLY HAD SEEN OUR LANDING--"
GREETINGS, MEN OF PHOBOS, FROM MEN OF THE PLANET EARTH! WE ARE HERE ON A MISSION OF FRIENDSHIP!
EARTH IS A PLANET WE KNOW LITTLE OF, EARTHMAN. TELL US ABOUT IT!
"COL. TREVOR SPOKE ABOUT HIS COUNTRY, ITS FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE AND ITS CUSTOMS--"
FAMILY CAR
VOTE HERE
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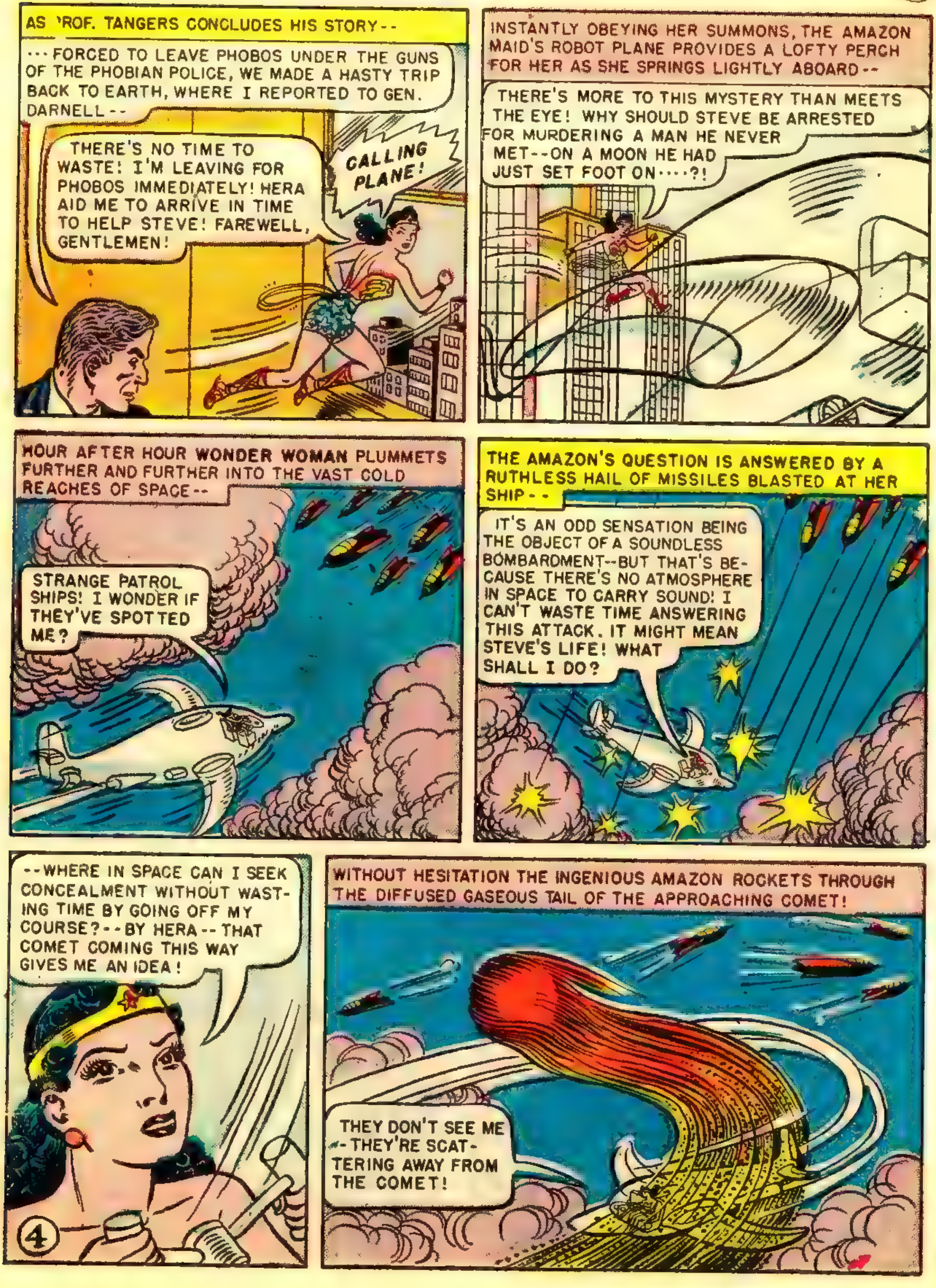
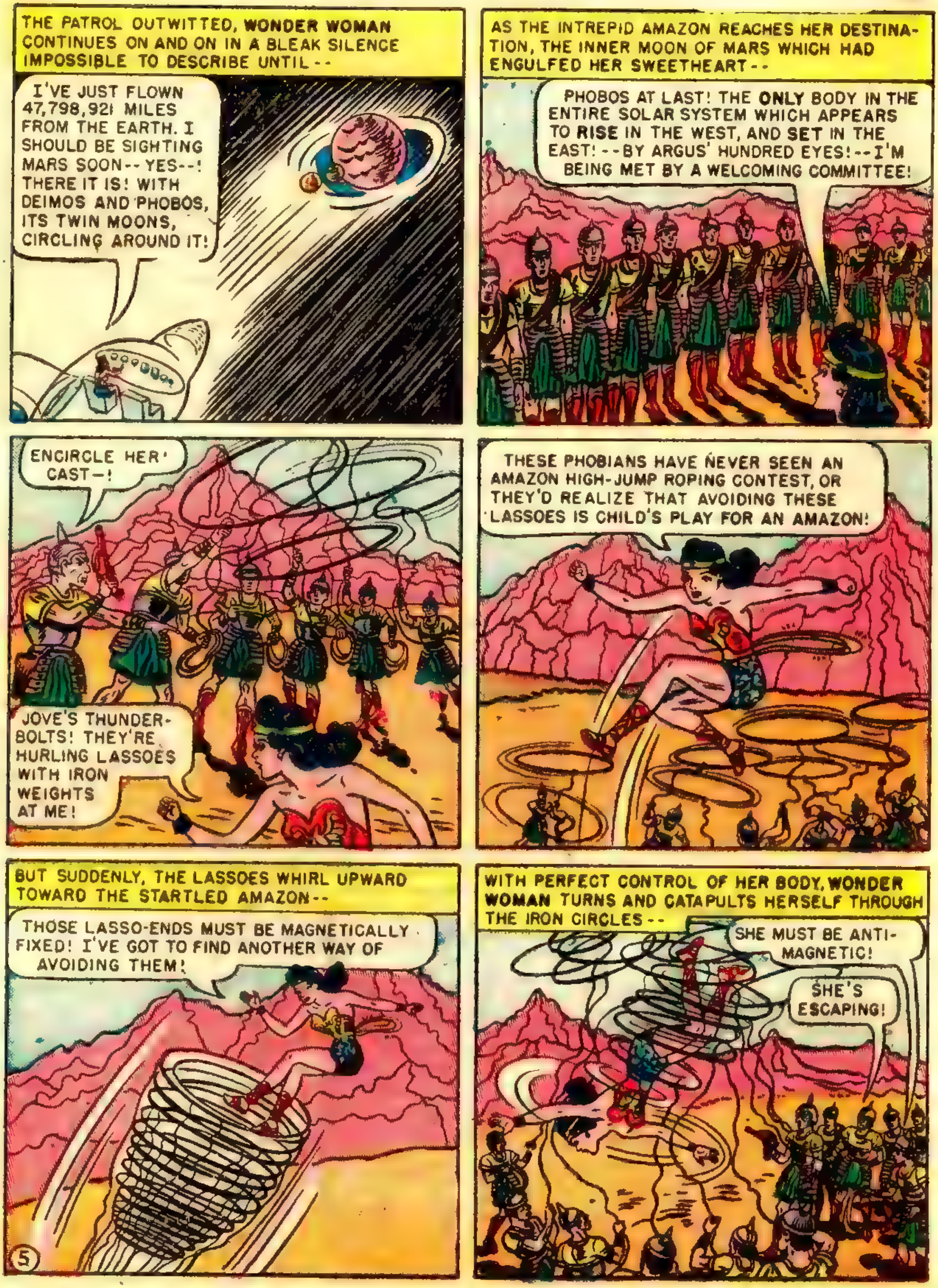
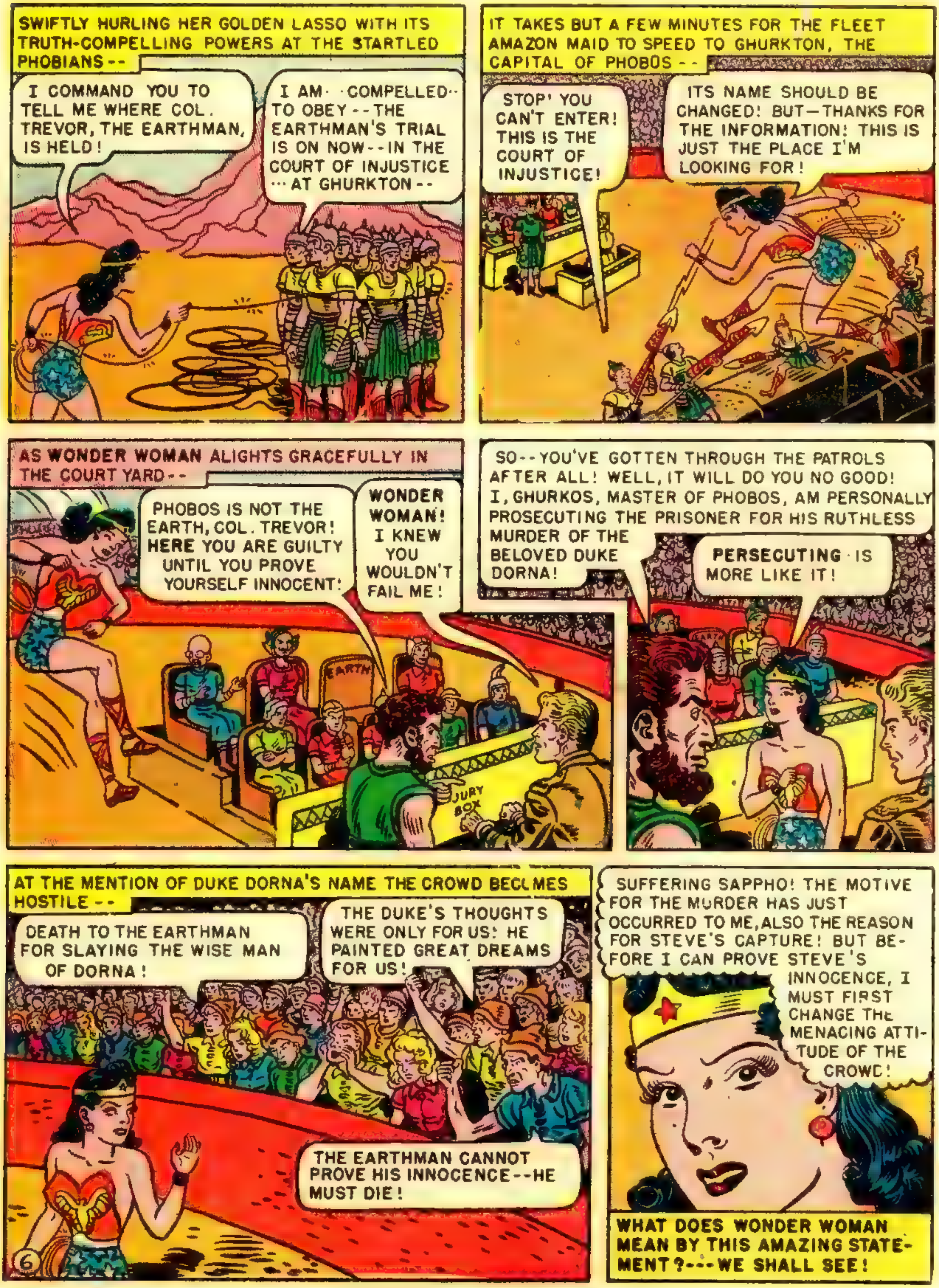
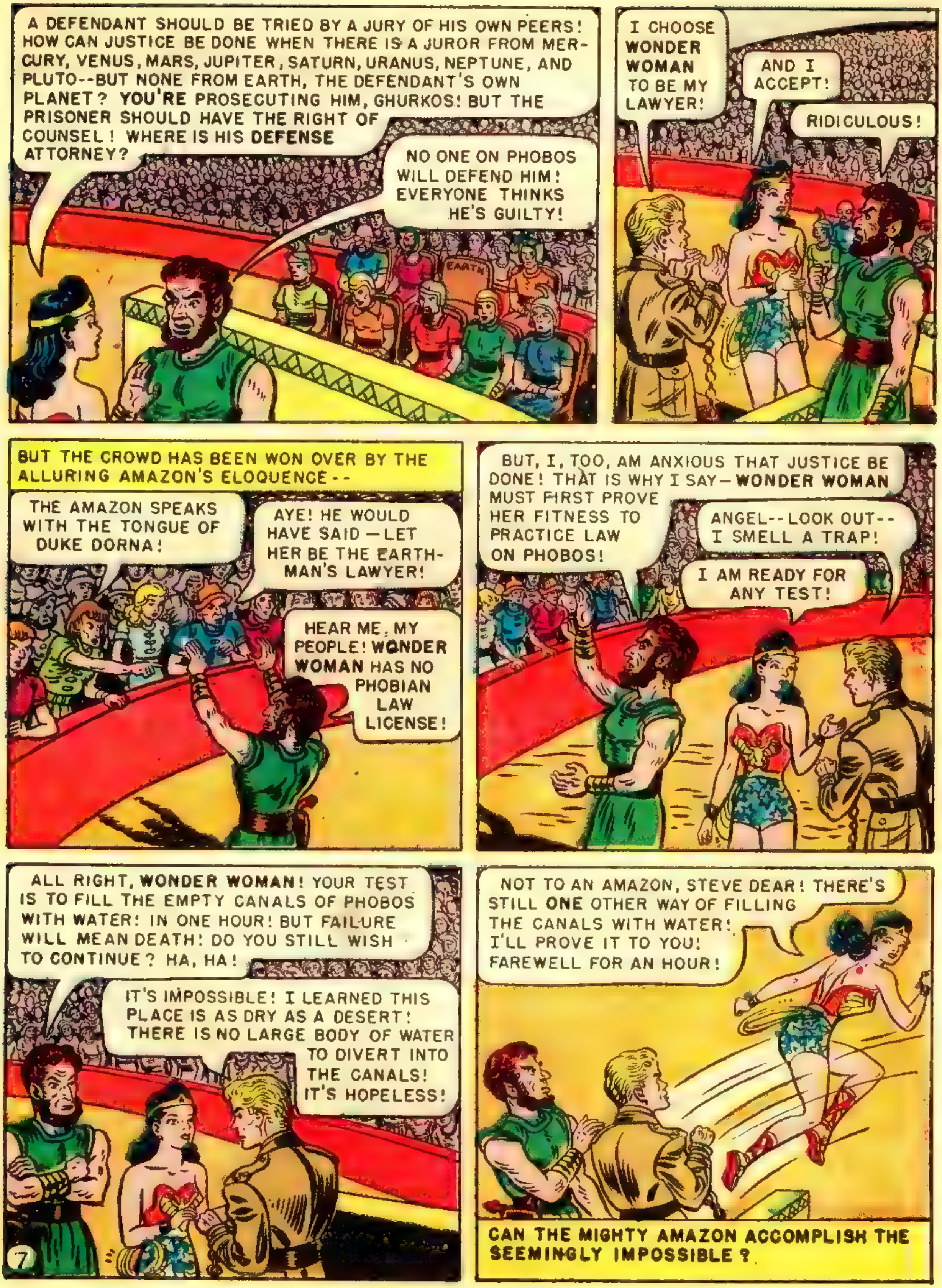
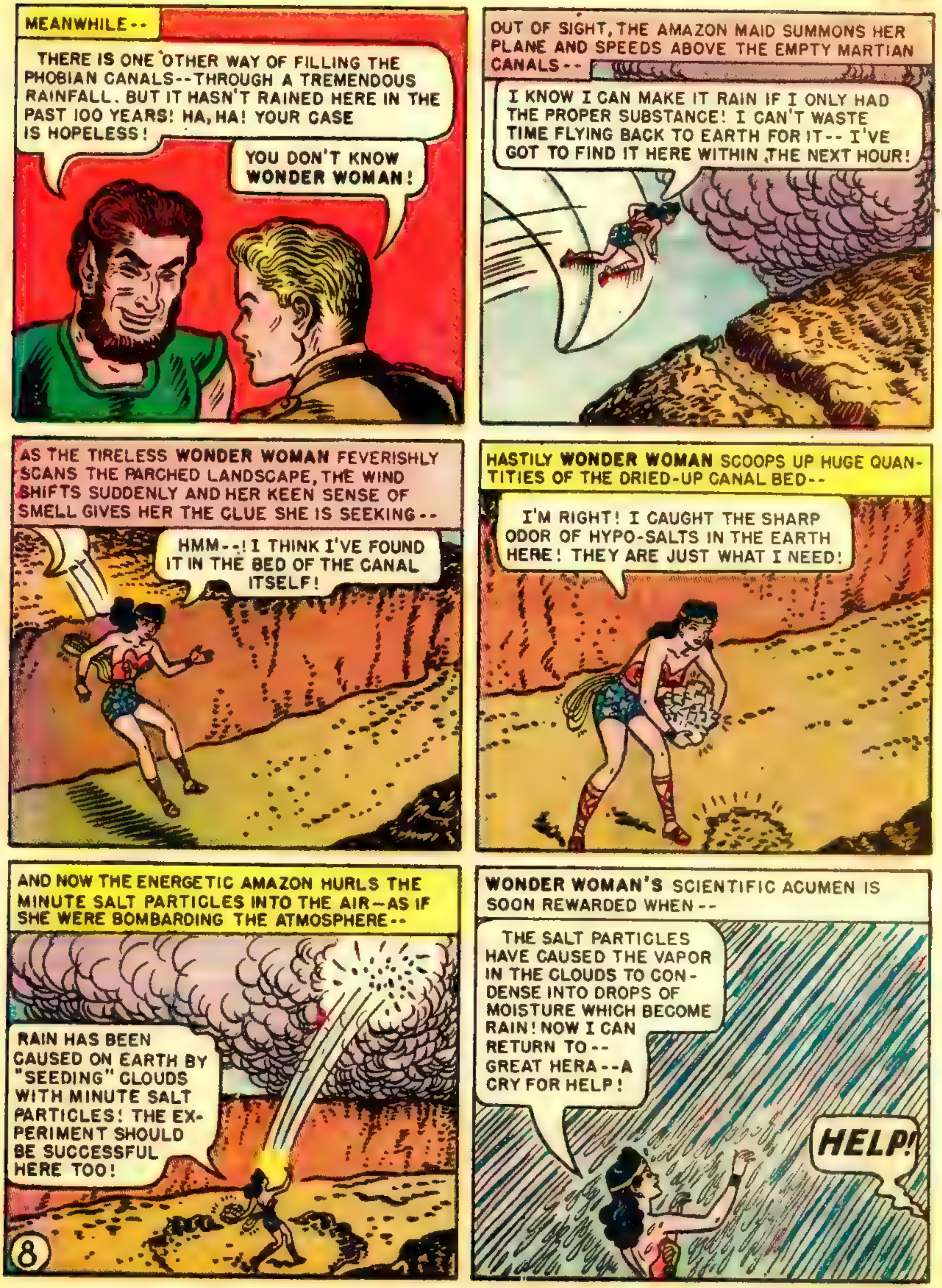
"THE REACTIONS ON THESE PHOBIANS AND OTHERS WE ENCOUNTERED LATER, TO COL. TREVOR'S SPEECHES, WERE VERY GRATIFYING--"
AMERICA MUST BE A WONDERFUL COUNTRY! WOULD THAT ITS CUSTOMS COULD REACH PHOBOS!
THIS IS HOW DUKE DORNA WOULD HAVE US LIVE!
TELL US MORE ABOUT HOW YOU EARTHMEN FOUGHT FOR LIBERTY, COL. TREVOR!
"SO YOU CAN IMAGINE OUR ASTONISHMENT WHEN WE NEARED GHURKTON, THE CAPITAL WHERE GHURKOS, THE MASTER OF PHOBOS RULED, AND WERE HALTED BY HIS POLICE--"
COL. TREVOR, I ARREST YOU FOR THE MURDER OF DUKE DORNA!
THAT'S FANTASTIC! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO HE IS!
"AS COL. TREVOR WAS MARCHED AWAY--"
GET IN TOUCH WITH WONDER WOMAN!-- TELL HER WHAT'S HAPPENED!

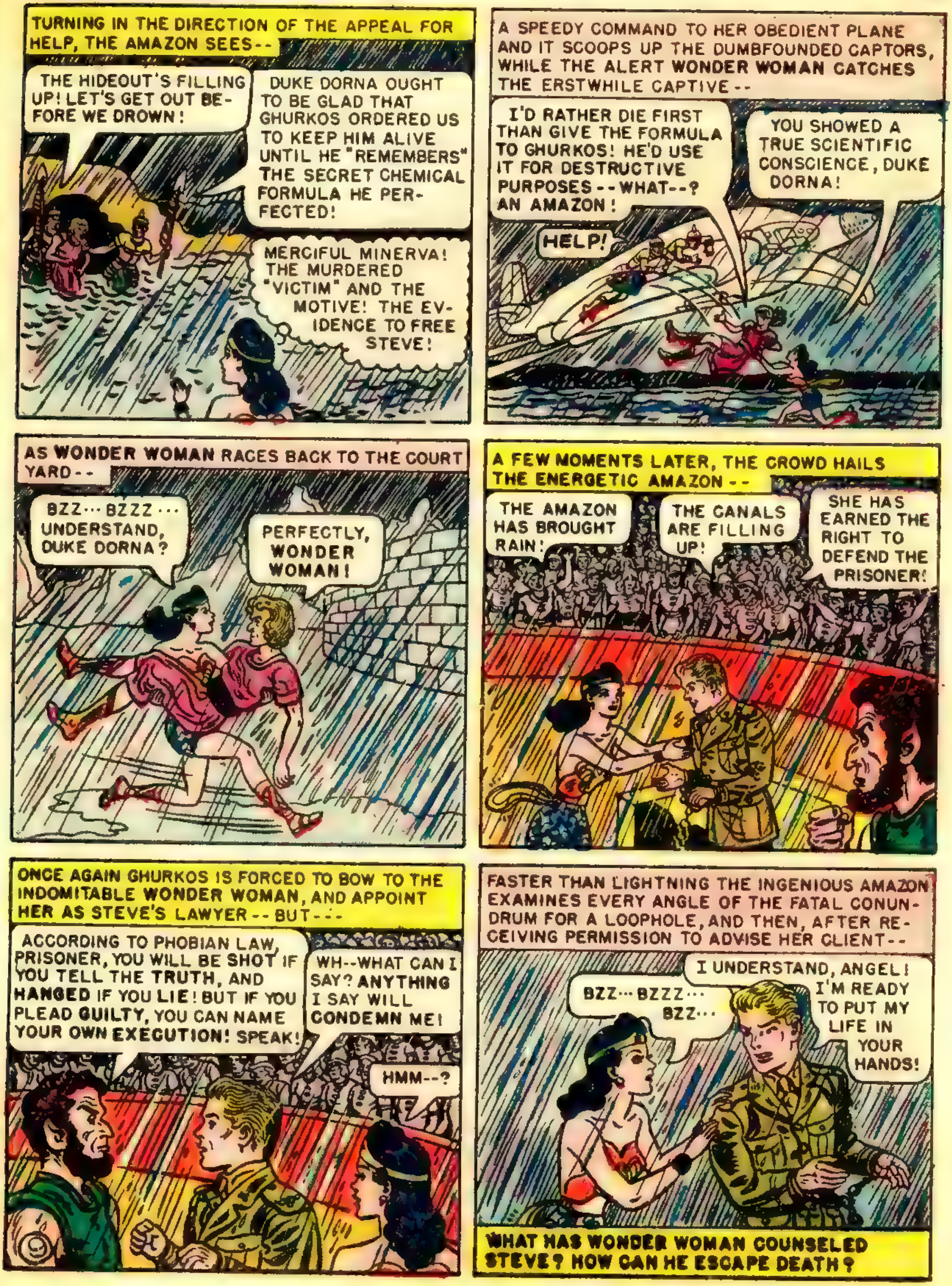

AS PROF. TANGERS CONCLUDES HIS STORY--
...FORCED TO LEAVE PHOBOS UNDER THE GUNS OF THE PHOBIAN POLICE, WE MADE A HASTY TRIP BACK TO EARTH, WHERE I REPORTED TO GEN. DARNELL--
THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE! I'M LEAVING FOR PHOBOS IMMEDIATELY! HERA AID ME TO ARRIVE IN TIME TO HELP STEVE! FAREWELL, GENTLEMEN!
CALLING PLANE!
INSTANTLY OBEYING HER SUMMONS, THE AMAZON MAID'S ROBOT PLANE PROVIDES A LOFTY PERCH FOR HER AS SHE SPRINGS LIGHTLY ABOARD--
THERE'S MORE TO THIS MYSTERY THAN MEETS THE EYE! WHY SHOULD STEVE BE ARRESTED FOR MURDERING A MAN HE NEVER MET--ON A MOON HE HAD JUST SET FOOT ON....?!
HOUR AFTER HOUR WONDER WOMAN PLUMMETS FURTHER AND FURTHER INTO THE VAST COLD REACHES OF SPACE--
STRANGE PATROL SHIPS! I WONDER IF THEY'VE SPOTTED ME?
THE AMAZON'S QUESTION IS ANSWERED BY A RUTHLESS HAIL OF MISSILES BLASTED AT HER SHIP--
IT'S AN ODD SENSATION BEING THE OBJECT OF A SOUNDLESS BOMBARDMENT--BUT THAT'S BECAUSE THERE'S NO ATMOSPHERE IN SPACE TO CARRY SOUND! I CAN'T WASTE TIME ANSWERING THIS ATTACK. IT MIGHT MEAN STEVE'S LIFE! WHAT SHALL I DO?
--WHERE IN SPACE CAN I SEEK CONCEALMENT WITHOUT WASTING TIME BY GOING OFF MY COURSE?--BY HERA--THAT COMET COMING THIS WAY GIVES ME AN IDEA!
4
WITHOUT HESITATION THE INGENIOUS AMAZON ROCKETS THROUGH THE DIFFUSED GASEOUS TAIL OF THE APPROACHING COMET!
THEY DON'T SEE ME--THEY'RE SCATTERING AWAY FROM THE COMET!

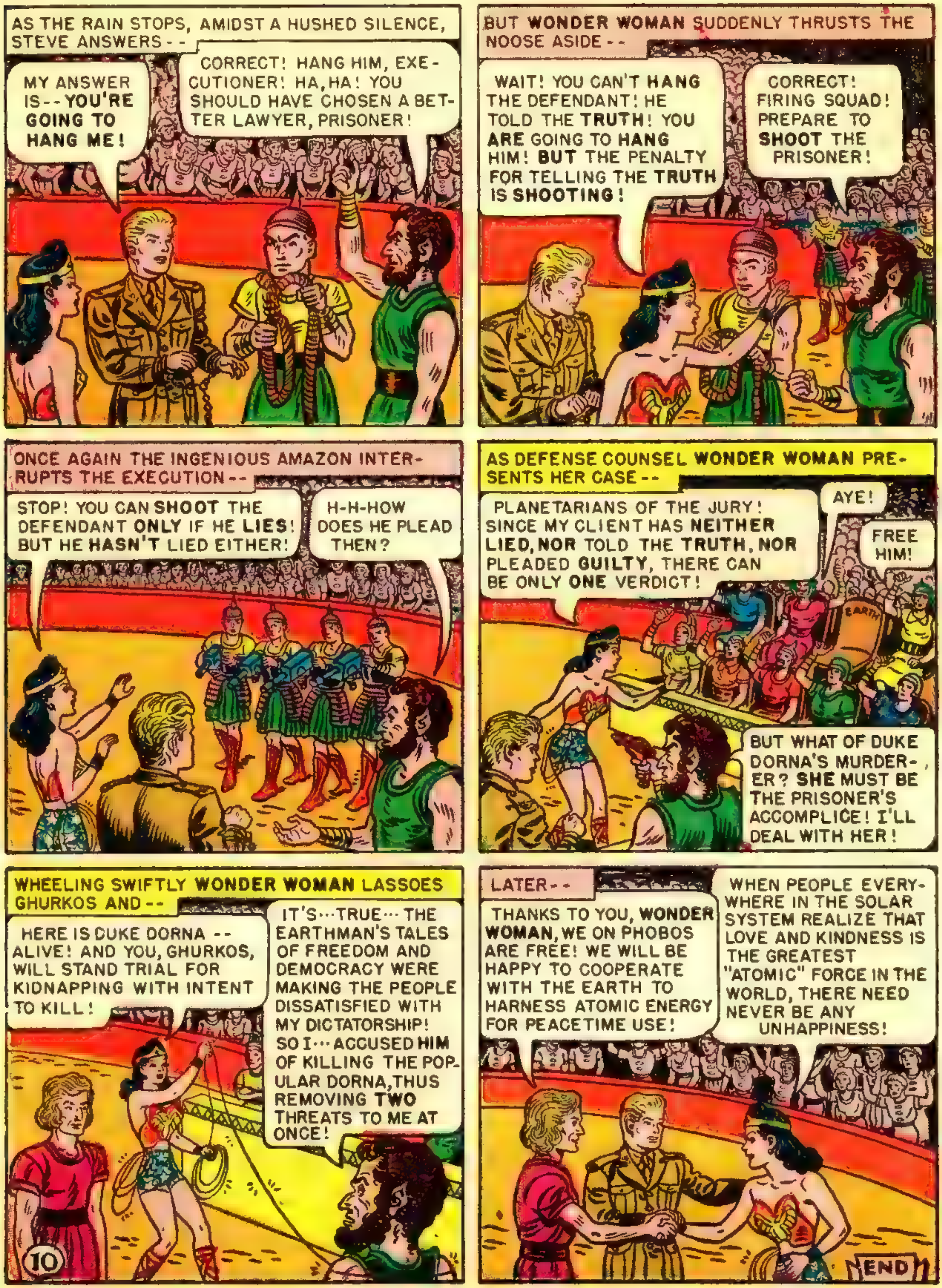

THE PATROL OUTWITTED, WONDER WOMAN CONTINUES ON AND ON IN A BLEAK SILENCE IMPOSSIBLE TO DESCRIBE UNTIL--
I'VE JUST FLOWN 47,798,921 MILES FROM THE EARTH. I SHOULD BE SIGHTING MARS SOON--YES--! THERE IT IS! WITH DEIMOS AND PHOBOS, ITS TWIN MOONS, CIRCLING AROUND IT!
AS THE INTREPID AMAZON REACHES HER DESTINATION, THE INNER MOON OF MARS WHICH HAD ENGULFED HER SWEETHEART--
PHOBOS AT LAST! THE ONLY BODY IN THE ENTIRE SOLAR SYSTEM WHICH APPEARS TO RISE IN THE WEST, AND SET IN THE EAST!--BY ARGUS' HUNDRED EYES!--I'M BEING MET BY A WELCOMING COMMITTEE!
ENCIRCLE HER! CAST--!
JOVE'S THUNDERBOLTS! THEY'RE HURLING LASSOES WITH IRON WEIGHTS AT ME!
THESE PHOBIANS HAVE NEVER SEEN AN AMAZON HIGH-JUMP ROPING CONTEST, OR THEY'D REALIZE THAT AVOIDING THESE LASSOES IS CHILD'S PLAY FOR AN AMAZON!
BUT SUDDENLY, THE LASSOES WHIRL UPWARD TOWARD THE STARTLED AMAZON--
THOSE LASSO-ENDS MUST BE MAGNETICALLY FIXED! I'VE GOT TO FIND ANOTHER WAY OF AVOIDING THEM!
5
WITH PERFECT CONTROL OF HER BODY, WONDER WOMAN TURNS AND CATAPULTS HERSELF THROUGH THE IRON CIRCLES--
SHE MUST BE ANTI-MAGNETIC!
SHE'S ESCAPING!


SWIFTLY HURLING HER GOLDEN LASSO WITH ITS TRUTH-COMPELLING POWERS AT THE STARTLED PHOBIANS --
I COMMAND YOU TO TELL ME WHERE COL. TREVOR, THE EARTHMAN, IS HELD!
I AM -- COMPELLED -- TO OBEY -- THE EARTHMAN'S TRIAL IS ON NOW -- IN THE COURT OF INJUSTICE ... AT GHURKTON --
IT TAKES BUT A FEW MINUTES FOR THE FLEET AMAZON MAID TO SPEED TO GHURKTON, THE CAPITAL OF PHOBOS --
STOP! YOU CAN'T ENTER! THIS IS THE COURT OF INJUSTICE!
ITS NAME SHOULD BE CHANGED! BUT—THANKS FOR THE INFORMATION! THIS IS JUST THE PLACE I'M LOOKING FOR!
AS WONDER WOMAN ALIGHTS GRACEFULLY IN THE COURT YARD --
PHOBOS IS NOT THE EARTH, COL. TREVOR! HERE YOU ARE GUILTY UNTIL YOU PROVE YOURSELF INNOCENT!
WONDER WOMAN! I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T FAIL ME!
EARTH
JURY BOX
SO -- YOU'VE GOTTEN THROUGH THE PATROLS AFTER ALL! WELL, IT WILL DO YOU NO GOOD! I, GHURKOS, MASTER OF PHOBOS, AM PERSONALLY PROSECUTING THE PRISONER FOR HIS RUTHLESS MURDER OF THE BELOVED DUKE DORNA!
PERSECUTING IS MORE LIKE IT!
AT THE MENTION OF DUKE DORNA'S NAME THE CROWD BECOMES HOSTILE --
DEATH TO THE EARTHMAN FOR SLAYING THE WISE MAN OF DORNA!
THE DUKE'S THOUGHTS WERE ONLY FOR US! HE PAINTED GREAT DREAMS FOR US!
THE EARTHMAN CANNOT PROVE HIS INNOCENCE -- HE MUST DIE!
6
SUFFERING SAPPHO! THE MOTIVE FOR THE MURDER HAS JUST OCCURRED TO ME, ALSO THE REASON FOR STEVE'S CAPTURE! BUT BEFORE I CAN PROVE STEVE'S INNOCENCE, I MUST FIRST CHANGE THE MENACING ATTITUDE OF THE CROWD!
WHAT DOES WONDER WOMAN MEAN BY THIS AMAZING STATEMENT? --- WE SHALL SEE!


A DEFENDANT SHOULD BE TRIED BY A JURY OF HIS OWN PEERS! HOW CAN JUSTICE BE DONE WHEN THERE IS A JUROR FROM MERCURY, VENUS, MARS, JUPITER, SATURN, URANUS, NEPTUNE, AND PLUTO--BUT NONE FROM EARTH, THE DEFENDANT'S OWN PLANET? YOU'RE PROSECUTING HIM, GHURKOS! BUT THE PRISONER SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT OF COUNSEL! WHERE IS HIS DEFENSE ATTORNEY?
NO ONE ON PHOBOS WILL DEFEND HIM! EVERYONE THINKS HE'S GUILTY!
EARTH
I CHOOSE WONDER WOMAN TO BE MY LAWYER!
AND I ACCEPT!
RIDICULOUS!
BUT THE CROWD HAS BEEN WON OVER BY THE ALLURING AMAZON'S ELOQUENCE--
THE AMAZON SPEAKS WITH THE TONGUE OF DUKE DORNA!
AYE! HE WOULD HAVE SAID—LET HER BE THE EARTHMAN'S LAWYER!
HEAR ME, MY PEOPLE! WONDER WOMAN HAS NO PHOBIAN LAW LICENSE!
BUT, I, TOO, AM ANXIOUS THAT JUSTICE BE DONE! THAT IS WHY I SAY—WONDER WOMAN MUST FIRST PROVE HER FITNESS TO PRACTICE LAW ON PHOBOS!
ANGEL--LOOK OUT--I SMELL A TRAP!
I AM READY FOR ANY TEST!
ALL RIGHT, WONDER WOMAN! YOUR TEST IS TO FILL THE EMPTY CANALS OF PHOBOS WITH WATER! IN ONE HOUR! BUT FAILURE WILL MEAN DEATH! DO YOU STILL WISH TO CONTINUE? HA, HA!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I LEARNED THIS PLACE IS AS DRY AS A DESERT! THERE IS NO LARGE BODY OF WATER TO DIVERT INTO THE CANALS! IT'S HOPELESS!
NOT TO AN AMAZON, STEVE DEAR! THERE'S STILL ONE OTHER WAY OF FILLING THE CANALS WITH WATER! I'LL PROVE IT TO YOU! FAREWELL FOR AN HOUR!
CAN THE MIGHTY AMAZON ACCOMPLISH THE SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE?


MEANWHILE--
THERE IS ONE OTHER WAY OF FILLING THE PHOBIAN CANALS--THROUGH A TREMENDOUS RAINFALL. BUT IT HASN'T RAINED HERE IN THE PAST 100 YEARS! HA, HA! YOUR CASE IS HOPELESS!
YOU DON'T KNOW WONDER WOMAN!
OUT OF SIGHT, THE AMAZON MAID SUMMONS HER PLANE AND SPEEDS ABOVE THE EMPTY MARTIAN CANALS--
I KNOW I CAN MAKE IT RAIN IF I ONLY HAD THE PROPER SUBSTANCE! I CAN'T WASTE TIME FLYING BACK TO EARTH FOR IT-- I'VE GOT TO FIND IT HERE WITHIN THE NEXT HOUR!
AS THE TIRELESS WONDER WOMAN FEVERISHLY SCANS THE PARCHED LANDSCAPE, THE WIND SHIFTS SUDDENLY AND HER KEEN SENSE OF SMELL GIVES HER THE CLUE SHE IS SEEKING--
HMM--! I THINK I'VE FOUND IT IN THE BED OF THE CANAL ITSELF!
HASTILY WONDER WOMAN SCOOPS UP HUGE QUANTITIES OF THE DRIED-UP CANAL BED--
I'M RIGHT! I CAUGHT THE SHARP ODOR OF HYPO-SALTS IN THE EARTH HERE! THEY ARE JUST WHAT I NEED!
AND NOW THE ENERGETIC AMAZON HURLS THE MINUTE SALT PARTICLES INTO THE AIR—AS IF SHE WERE BOMBARDING THE ATMOSPHERE--
RAIN HAS BEEN CAUSED ON EARTH BY "SEEDING" CLOUDS WITH MINUTE SALT PARTICLES! THE EXPERIMENT SHOULD BE SUCCESSFUL HERE TOO!
8
WONDER WOMAN'S SCIENTIFIC ACUMEN IS SOON REWARDED WHEN--
THE SALT PARTICLES HAVE CAUSED THE VAPOR IN THE CLOUDS TO CONDENSE INTO DROPS OF MOISTURE WHICH BECOME RAIN! NOW I CAN RETURN TO-- GREAT HERA--A CRY FOR HELP!
HELP!


TURNING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE APPEAL FOR HELP, THE AMAZON SEES--
THE HIDEOUT'S FILLING UP! LET'S GET OUT BEFORE WE DROWN!
DUKE DORNA OUGHT TO BE GLAD THAT GHURKOS ORDERED US TO KEEP HIM ALIVE UNTIL HE "REMEMBERS" THE SECRET CHEMICAL FORMULA HE PERFECTED!
MERCIFUL MINERVA! THE MURDERED "VICTIM" AND THE MOTIVE! THE EVIDENCE TO FREE STEVE!
A SPEEDY COMMAND TO HER OBEDIENT PLANE AND IT SCOOPS UP THE DUMBFOUNDED CAPTORS, WHILE THE ALERT WONDER WOMAN CATCHES THE ERSTWHILE CAPTIVE--
I'D RATHER DIE FIRST THAN GIVE THE FORMULA TO GHURKOS! HE'D USE IT FOR DESTRUCTIVE PURPOSES--WHAT--? AN AMAZON!
YOU SHOWED A TRUE SCIENTIFIC CONSCIENCE, DUKE DORNA!
HELP!
AS WONDER WOMAN RACES BACK TO THE COURT YARD--
BZZ... BZZZ... UNDERSTAND, DUKE DORNA?
PERFECTLY, WONDER WOMAN!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER, THE CROWD HAILS THE ENERGETIC AMAZON--
THE AMAZON HAS BROUGHT RAIN!
THE CANALS ARE FILLING UP!
SHE HAS EARNED THE RIGHT TO DEFEND THE PRISONER!
ONCE AGAIN GHURKOS IS FORCED TO BOW TO THE INDOMITABLE WONDER WOMAN, AND APPOINT HER AS STEVE'S LAWYER--BUT--
ACCORDING TO PHOBIAN LAW, PRISONER, YOU WILL BE SHOT IF YOU TELL THE TRUTH, AND HANGED IF YOU LIE! BUT IF YOU PLEAD GUILTY, YOU CAN NAME YOUR OWN EXECUTION! SPEAK!
WH--WHAT CAN I SAY? ANYTHING I SAY WILL CONDEMN ME!
HMM--?
FASTER THAN LIGHTNING THE INGENIOUS AMAZON EXAMINES EVERY ANGLE OF THE FATAL CONUNDRUM FOR A LOOPHOLE, AND THEN, AFTER RECEIVING PERMISSION TO ADVISE HER CLIENT--
BZZ... BZZZ... BZZ...
I UNDERSTAND, ANGEL! I'M READY TO PUT MY LIFE IN YOUR HANDS!
WHAT HAS WONDER WOMAN COUNSELED STEVE? HOW CAN HE ESCAPE DEATH?


AS THE RAIN STOPS, AMIDST A HUSHED SILENCE, STEVE ANSWERS - -
MY ANSWER IS-- YOU'RE GOING TO HANG ME!
CORRECT! HANG HIM, EXECUTIONER! HA, HA! YOU SHOULD HAVE CHOSEN A BETTER LAWYER, PRISONER!
BUT WONDER WOMAN SUDDENLY THRUSTS THE NOOSE ASIDE - -
WAIT! YOU CAN'T HANG THE DEFENDANT! HE TOLD THE TRUTH! YOU ARE GOING TO HANG HIM! BUT THE PENALTY FOR TELLING THE TRUTH IS SHOOTING!
CORRECT! FIRING SQUAD! PREPARE TO SHOOT THE PRISONER!
ONCE AGAIN THE INGENIOUS AMAZON INTERRUPTS THE EXECUTION - -
STOP! YOU CAN SHOOT THE DEFENDANT ONLY IF HE LIES! BUT HE HASN'T LIED EITHER!
H-H-HOW DOES HE PLEAD THEN?
AS DEFENSE COUNSEL WONDER WOMAN PRESENTS HER CASE - -
PLANETARIANS OF THE JURY! SINCE MY CLIENT HAS NEITHER LIED, NOR TOLD THE TRUTH, NOR PLEADED GUILTY, THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE VERDICT!
AYE!
FREE HIM!
EARTH
BUT WHAT OF DUKE DORNA'S MURDERER? SHE MUST BE THE PRISONER'S ACCOMPLICE! I'LL DEAL WITH HER!
WHEELING SWIFTLY WONDER WOMAN LASSOES GHURKOS AND - -
HERE IS DUKE DORNA -- ALIVE! AND YOU, GHURKOS, WILL STAND TRIAL FOR KIDNAPPING WITH INTENT TO KILL!
IT'S···TRUE··· THE EARTHMAN'S TALES OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY WERE MAKING THE PEOPLE DISSATISFIED WITH MY DICTATORSHIP! SO I··· ACCUSED HIM OF KILLING THE POPULAR DORNA, THUS REMOVING TWO THREATS TO ME AT ONCE!
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LATER - -
THANKS TO YOU, WONDER WOMAN, WE ON PHOBOS ARE FREE! WE WILL BE HAPPY TO COOPERATE WITH THE EARTH TO HARNESS ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACETIME USE!
WHEN PEOPLE EVERYWHERE IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM REALIZE THAT LOVE AND KINDNESS IS THE GREATEST "ATOMIC" FORCE IN THE WORLD, THERE NEED NEVER BE ANY UNHAPPINESS!
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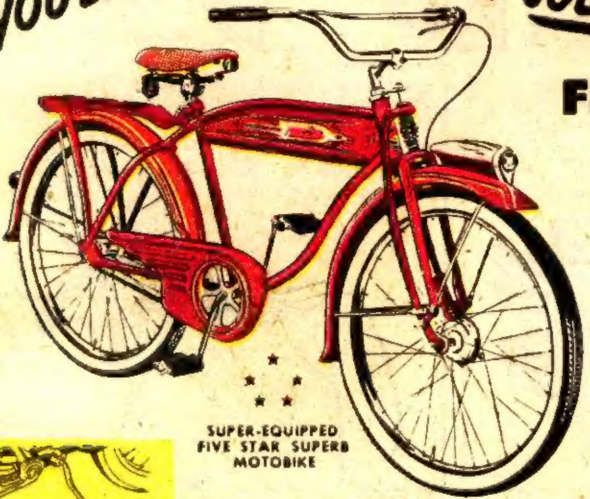

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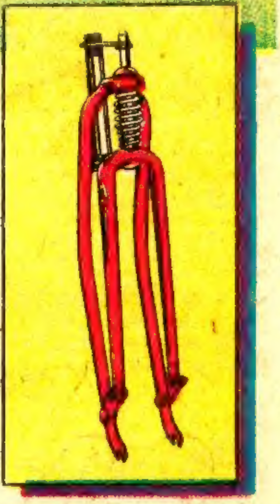

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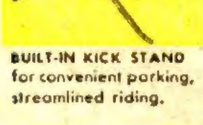

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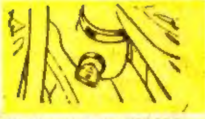

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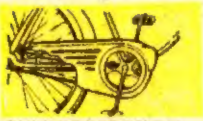

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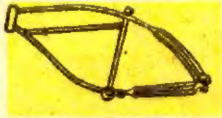

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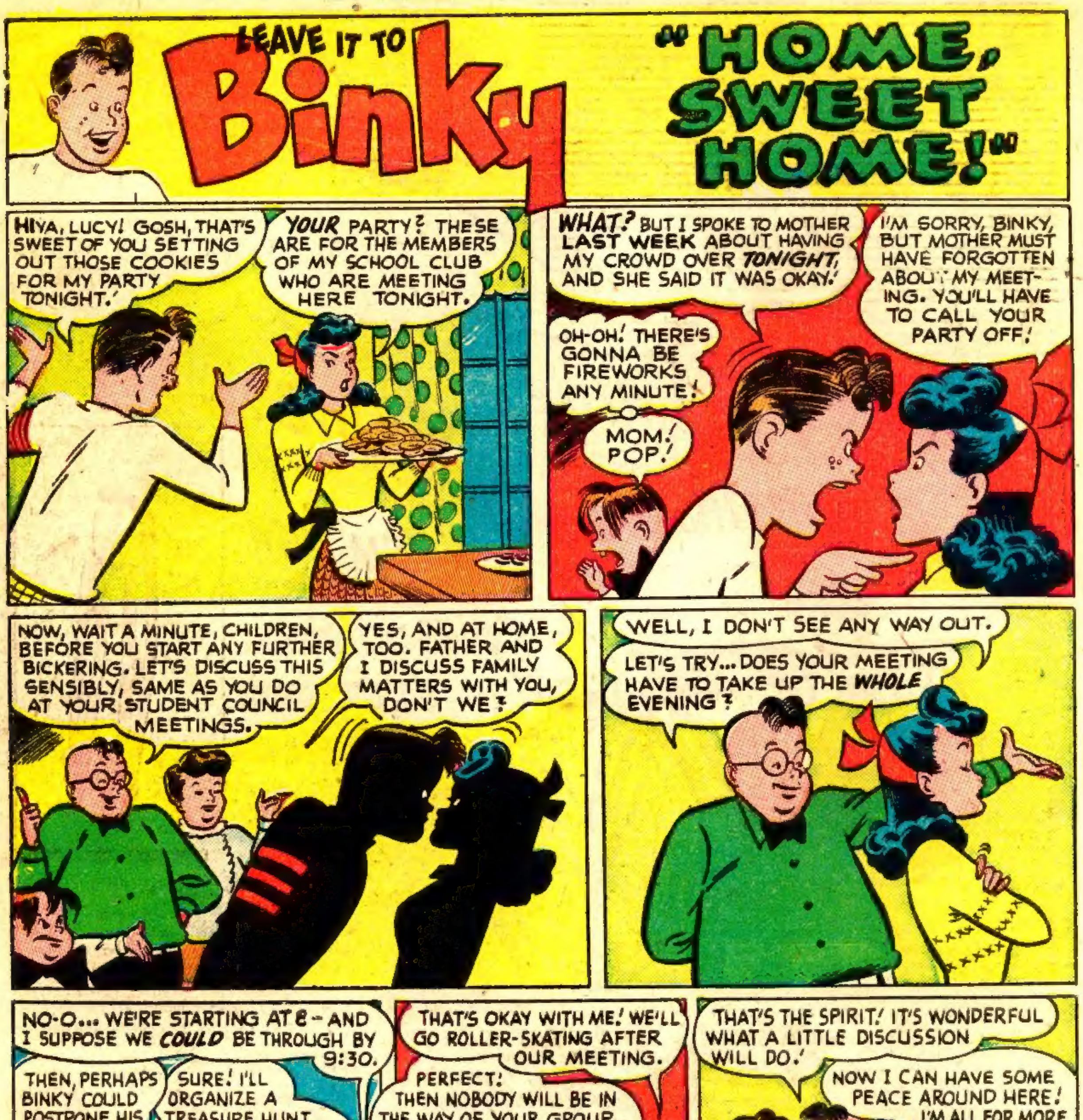
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HIYA, LUCY! GOSH, THAT'S SWEET OF YOU SETTING OUT THOSE COOKIES FOR MY PARTY TONIGHT.
YOUR PARTY? THESE ARE FOR THE MEMBERS OF MY SCHOOL CLUB WHO ARE MEETING HERE TONIGHT.
WHAT? BUT I SPOKE TO MOTHER LAST WEEK ABOUT HAVING MY CROWD OVER TONIGHT, AND SHE SAID IT WAS OKAY!
I'M SORRY, BINKY, BUT MOTHER MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT MY MEETING. YOU'LL HAVE TO CALL YOUR PARTY OFF!
OH-OH! THERE'S GONNA BE FIREWORKS ANY MINUTE!
MOM! POP!
NOW, WAIT A MINUTE, CHILDREN, BEFORE YOU START ANY FURTHER BICKERING. LET'S DISCUSS THIS SENSIBLY, SAME AS YOU DO AT YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS.
YES, AND AT HOME, TOO. FATHER AND I DISCUSS FAMILY MATTERS WITH YOU, DON'T WE?
WELL, I DON'T SEE ANY WAY OUT.
LET'S TRY... DOES YOUR MEETING HAVE TO TAKE UP THE WHOLE EVENING?
NO-O... WE'RE STARTING AT 8 - AND I SUPPOSE WE COULD BE THROUGH BY 9:30.
THEN, PERHAPS BINKY COULD POSTPONE HIS PARTY UNTIL THEN, AND YOU COULD DO SOMETHING AFTERWARDS.
SURE! I'LL ORGANIZE A TREASURE HUNT THAT'LL TAKE US AWAY FROM THE HOUSE UNTIL THE MEETING IS OVER. HOW'S THAT?
THAT'S OKAY WITH ME! WE'LL GO ROLLER-SKATING AFTER OUR MEETING.
PERFECT! THEN NOBODY WILL BE IN THE WAY OF YOUR GROUP, LUCY--AND BINKY'S CROWD CAN TAKE OVER AFTERWARDS! I HAVE ENOUGH COOKIES FOR EVERYBODY!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT! IT'S WONDERFUL WHAT A LITTLE DISCUSSION WILL DO!
NOW I CAN HAVE SOME PEACE AROUND HERE! I'M ALL FOR MORE DEMOCRACY AT HOME!
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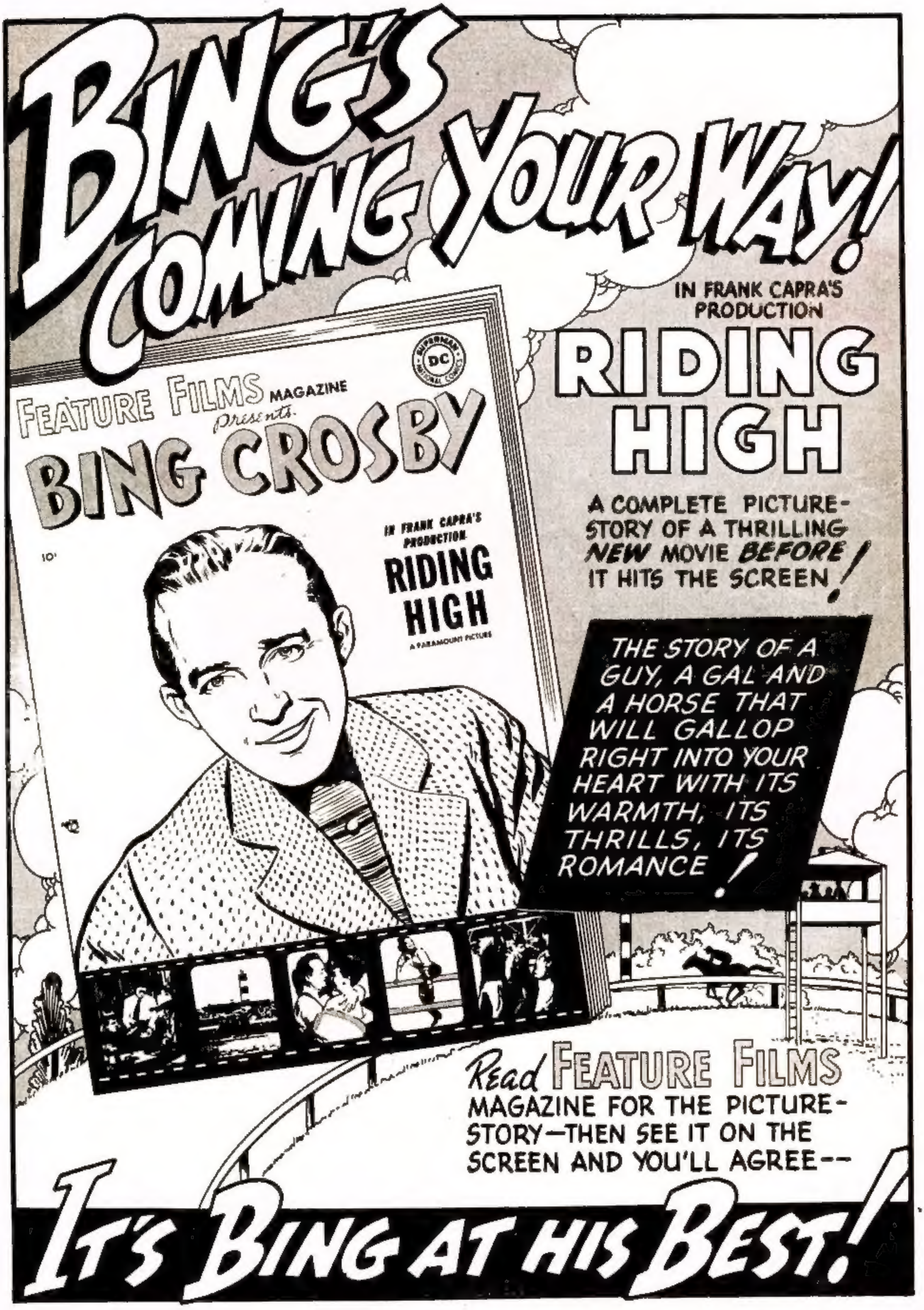
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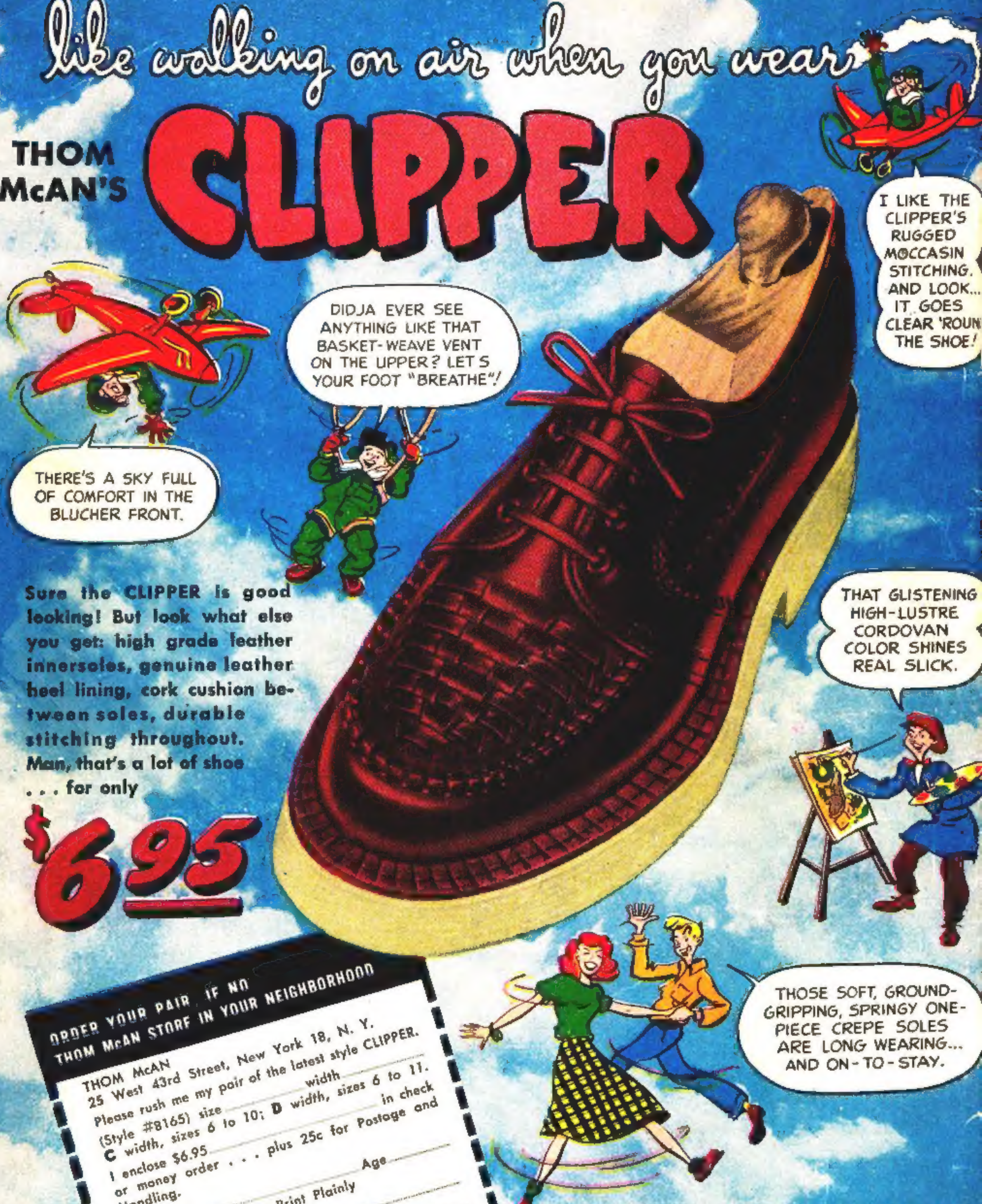
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